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Christopher Reeve went from actor to activist after being paralyzed in a 1995 equestrian accident. Reeve, 52, died Sunday.

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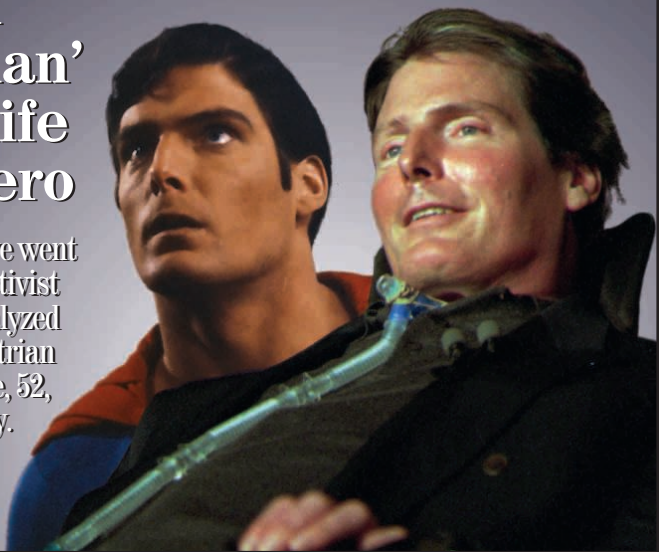


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News Tracker ... What's new with old news

States

Book on Moxley murder: A new book on convicted killer Michael Skakel says the Kennedy cousin described being covered in blood the night of his neighbor's murder.

Skakel, who was convicted in 2002 of Martha Moxley's 1975 murder, allegedly made the incriminating comment to a counselor at Eliot School, a reform school in Poland, Maine, where he was sent in the late 1970s.

In the book "Conviction: Solving the Moxley Murder" by Leonard Levitt, the unnamed counselor describes a conversation he had with Skakel's father, priest and attorney after Skakel allegedly told him about being covered in blood.

Skakel later denied making the remark to the counselor, the book says.

Flu vaccine shortage: The crisis in the flu vaccine supply in the United States has led to renewed calls to modernize a half-century-old manufacturing system that relies on millions of chicken eggs and a lot of educated guesswork.

Because it takes at least six months to produce the annual flu vaccine, no manufacturer can replace the 46 million shots Chiron Corp. won't ship this season.

Citing manufacturing problems, British regulators last week shut down Chiron's factory in England where roughly 46 million doses destined for the United States had been made.

Business

Enron trial: Former Enron Corp. finance chief Andrew Fastow and the man who replaced him when he was forced out are among roughly 50 potential witnesses for the defense phase of the fraud and conspiracy trial regarding the energy company's alleged sham sale of several barges to the brokerage Merrill Lynch & Co. at the end of 1999.

The defense phase of the trial began Monday after the judge decided it was unnecessary to present entire transcripts of a defendant's grand jury testimony to jurors. Prosecutors rested their case last week, pending the judge's decision.

The trial entered its fourth week on Monday.

World

Stolen Renaissance figurine: The theft from a Vienna museum of a Renaissance figurine is a mystery more than a year after it was stolen, despite a new book by a British



Mount St. Helens activity: The Staefler family of Rainier, Ore., stop by the roadside at Hells-lad Bluffs to view the steam venting from the crater of Mount St. Helens near Toutle, Wash., on Sunday. The volcano gave off more steam Monday morning, with a small cloud drifting up from the crater as the sun started to rise. Seismic activity remained relatively low at the mountain, said Jeff Wynn, chief scientist for volcano hazards at the U.S. Geological Survey's Cascades Volcano Observatory. Scientists believe the steam was created when part of the swelling on the south side of the dome broke off, taking some of the glacier with it.

art detective, police said Monday.

Wilfried Seipel, who heads the city of Vienna's criminal investigations division, told the Austria Press Agency that the book by Charles Hill uncovered nothing that investigators don't already know about the case.

Police have worked to track down the 16th century, gold-plated "saliera," or salt cellar sculpture, by Florentine master Benvenuto Cellini since it was stolen from a showcase at Vienna's Art History Museum in May 2003.

West Bank proposal: Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon said Monday he will present his contentious plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip and parts of the West Bank to parliament for approval on Oct. 25.

In a speech opening parliament's winter session, Sharon laid out a timetable for legislative action on the plan, which many members of his own Likud party strongly oppose.

If the withdrawal timetable is approved, Sharon will introduce a law into the Knesset in the first week of November to compensate the thousands of settlers who will be displaced in the evacuation, he said.



Sharon

Helicopter crash: Forensic experts on Monday examined remains recovered from a Sept. 11 helicopter crash in Greece that killed the head of the Orthodox church in Africa and 16 other people, authorities said.

The body parts were found in wreckage from the army CH-47D Chinook which was raised nearly 3,000 feet from the seabed Sunday with the help of a submersible which attached balloons to parts of the helicopter.

Patriarch Petros VII of Alexandria was killed along with several members of the church's senior clergy in Africa when the helicopter crashed into the Aegean Sea while traveling to the monastic enclave of Mount Athos in northern Greece.

Jailed Saudi-American freed: Yaser Esam Hamdi, a Saudi-American citizen who was captured on the Afghanistan battlefield and held without charges for nearly three years, has been freed and returned Monday to Saudi Arabia.

Interior Ministry spokesman Brig. Gen. Mansour al-Turki confirmed Hamdi arrived in Riyadh about noon Monday.

"His parents were there to receive him. The minute he arrived, he said he had given up his U.S. nationality," al-Turki said. The deal with the U.S. government freeing Hamdi had required he give up his American citizenship and go to Saudi Arabia.

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U.S., Japan prepare for bilateral exercises

Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Keen Sword 2005, the eighth joint bilateral field training session since 1986 involving the United States and Japan Self-Defense Force, will take place in November, according to a U.S. Forces Japan news release.

Lt. Gen. Thomas Waskow, the USFJ and 5th Air Force commander, and Gen. Yuji Fujinawa, chairman of the Japan Joint Staff Council, will direct the exercise.

This year's Keen Sword will unfold at U.S. and Japanese military installations across Japan, the news release stated.

The biannual Keen Edge/Keen Sword

drills alternate between Keen Sword, a field-training exercise staged in odd fiscal years, and Keen Edge, a command-post exercise in even fiscal years.

According to the news release, Keen Sword 2005 is designed to fortify the defensive readiness of U.S. and Japanese forces through training in air, ground and sea operations.

Improving interaction between the two nations is another objective, not only for the defense of Japan, officials said, but also in situations in areas surrounding Japan and others involving JSDF and U.S. forces.

A joint session involves two or more services from one country, while bilateral refers to the participation of two nations.

Navy crews take time out to lend a hand at children's school



PHOTOS BY RICK CHERNITZER/Courtesy of the U.S. Navy

Recently, 44 servicemembers from the USS Cowpens, USS Alexandria and the USS Gary spent some time with children at the Trust of Nanu Nago School for the Poor during a community service project. The project came at the conclusion of Malabar 04, a bilateral exercise between the U.S. and Indian navies off the coast of Goa, India. The crews were able to help with a variety of projects and spend some quality time with the children. Above: Seaman Nakia McFarlane reads to Indian children. Above right: Chief Petty Officer Dwight March paints a playground slide. Below left: Petty Officer 1st Class D.J. Naaktgebreghen assembles a sewing machine. Below right: Sailor Chad Reinhard prepares to take a shot during a carrom game with Indian children. Carrom is an Indian form of pool using tokens flicked around a game board by finger.



Fireman Tyrone Gibson assembles a sewing machine. The sewing machines were donated by Project Handclasp.

'For the enlisted man, first, last and all the time'

BY SETH ROBSON
Stars and Stripes

CAMP RED CLOUD, South Korea — The son of a 2nd Infantry Division World War I veteran has donated a pair of rare copies of Stars and Stripes, including the last edition produced during the Great War, to the 2nd ID Museum in South Korea.

Museum staff said Ralf Discher, 82, of Killeen, Texas, donated the newspapers, dated Oct. 18, 1918, and June 13, 1919. Discher's late father, who served with 2nd ID from his birth in 1917, brought the newspapers home from France at the end of the war.

The newspapers will be preserved by the museum along with a series of recently donated Indian magazines, the precursors of the Indianhead — 2nd ID's official in-house publication, museum officials said.

Discher told the Killeen Daily Herald he wanted the newspapers cared for and put on display. "They were a morale factor" during World War I, he said. "Dad said they were hard to get. The only time you got to see a newspaper was when you were in the rear."

2nd ID museum receives historic and rare copies of Stars and Stripes from World War I

The old newspapers have much in common with today's Stars and Stripes but are printed on larger, broadsheet paper and were produced just once a week instead of daily.

The 1918 newspaper includes such headlines as: "No Peace with Hohenzollerns says President," "Aerial newsboys deliver army newspaper," and "Yanks play part in success of another big attack."

The front page includes a message from then-Secretary of War Newton D. Baker, who recently had visited the trenches, and a report on the taking of 17,000 German prisoners of war. The most prominent story, featuring an illustration of a U.S. soldier carrying a small child, is about a campaign to raise money to care for 300 orphans of French soldiers killed in the war.

The 1919 newspaper includes a lighthearted recap of Stars and Stripes' 16 months in print during WWI.

"Stars and Stripes is hailed down with this issue," Yank's own paper was for the enlisted man, first, last, and all the time," was one of several headings on the story.

"The Stars and Stripes is, as far as we know, the only subdivision of the AEF (American Expeditionary Force) that does not claim to have won the war single handed ... but they say we helped a bit," reads the story.

Another story, headlined "Yank Divisions were deciding at war's end," details the major U.S. success during the war.

"Besides actual winning of battles, their participation braced Allied morale greatly. ... At Catigny the first of the American divisions to be so employed was placed at the apex of the deepest and most dangerous of all the salients driven by the Germans into the allied front..."

"At Belleau Wood and Chateau Thierry, two more American divisions stopped on the most sensi-

tive part of the front another German drive which was sweeping down towards Paris. In the major counter-strike, between Soissons and Chateau Thierry, the American divisions took a part which may in all fairness be determined decisive," the story says.

A lighthearted piece headlined: "Want a wife? Buy some blubber oil" recounts GIs and local women.

"Yanks who have courted the vivacious French mademoiselles in Paris and elsewhere and who have been compelled to ask the skipper for an occasional loan in order to shower libations of champagne and nougats at the feet of the sweetest girl in the world and all that will turn pink with envy to learn what some of the other members of the AEF are getting away with..."

"To date 12 doughboys (U.S. soldiers) on the Murman Coast in far off Russia near Archangel have been married, and as far as can be proved they did it by satis-

fying their lady love's sweet tooth with candies and blubber oil," the story reads.

In other news, soldiers in Vienna complain of a shortage of golf balls while Pvt. Wendell Cutliff, of the American Embarkation Centre Headquarters, reportedly is unconcerned about Parisian girls' inability to buy stockings and the fact that he'd been so busy "helping to whip Germany that he hasn't had time to learn the Shimmy Shiver" dance.

He is more worried about where to put his ninth medal for valor.

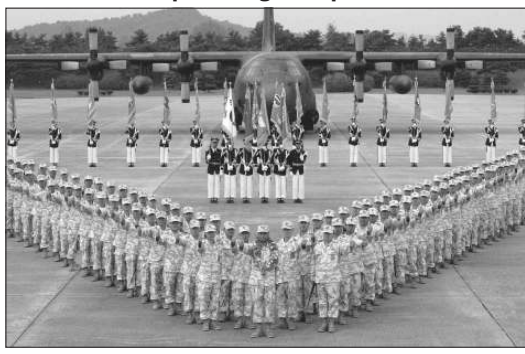
Another story talks about U.S. Army units using "that primarily British invention: the tank," described in the article as an "unconquered."

There are advertisements for Gillette razor blades and Wrigley's Spearmint chewing gum and the sports pages feature photographs and reports on track and field, swimming, baseball and golf.

The back page of the paper includes a photograph of waving French children with the words "Goodbye, goodnight Messieurs Les Americains."

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South Korean troops heading to Iraq



South Korean Air Force transport contingent personnel cheer during the departure ceremony Monday at a military air base in Seongnam, south of Seoul. The 150-member contingent is headed to Kuwait to support South Korean troops deployed in a Kurdish province of northern Iraq.

Holiday greetings to be recorded

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — A team of military broadcasters from the Army and Air Force Home-town News Service in San Antonio will be at the Yokota Enlisted Club from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday-Oct. 14 to film holiday greetings, base officials said.

The group tours military installations each year to send servicemembers overseas an opportunity to send video messages to their families in the United States. Family members and Defense Department civilians are also eligible to take part in the program.

Four military broadcast teams will visit about 70 overseas installations in 40 days, hoping to gather more than 13,000 individual messages from troops stationed abroad during the holidays, according to hometown news service officials.

The holiday greetings program started in 1984 with two goals, they added: to improve the morale of servicemembers and their families stationed overseas and inform the U.S. public about the sacrifices made by military personnel on unaccompanied tours in remote locations.

Reserving Misawa Inn rooms easier

Those needing to reserve lodging at the Misawa Inn for temporary duty or permanent change of station purposes now can e-mail their requests to misawa_reservations@misawa.af.mil, officials said.

Individuals should provide dates of visit, rank and full name, indicate whether they're on TDY or PCSing and account for pets. Call DSN 222-1182 for more information.

From staff reports

Misawa graduation set

The 35th Fighter Wing's Airman Leadership School Class 2004-G is to graduate Oct. 22 at Misawa Air Base, Japan.

A social hour starts at 6 p.m. Servicemembers are asked to wear mess dress or semiformal dress uniform, while appropriate semiformal evening attire is recommended for civilian guests.

Call DSN 226-3445 for more information.

Stamp contest is on

As part of National Stamp Collecting Month, the Misawa Air Base, Japan, post office is sponsoring a stamp-drawing contest for children in grades 1-6, officials announced.

The works will be on display in

the post office throughout the month; contest winners will be announced Oct. 22. A display case in the post office's main lobby contains all the available prizes.

Call Staff Sgt. Tesha Boyd at DSN 226-9325 for more information.

Aid Far East Bazaar

The Misawa Air Base, Japan, Officers' Spouses Club is seeking private organizations to set up food and other booths outside Hangar 949 as part of this year's Far East Bazaar, set for Nov. 6 and 7. Booster clubs also are eligible to participate in the event.

Call Gina Mostert at DSN 222-8117 or e-mail fareastbazaar@yahoo.com for more information or to sign up.

From staff reports



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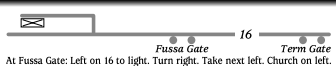
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Grads to be honored

A Professional Military Education Recognition Ceremony is to take place at 2 p.m. Friday at Misawa Air Base, Japan. The event is set for the Tohoku Enlisted Club's ballroom. PME students who graduated during the previous quarter will be honored. The ceremony is open to family, friends and co-workers. Call Master Sgt. Romie West at DSN 226-1661 for more information.

Educators forum set

Parents, teachers and other adults at Misawa Air Base, Japan, are invited to a variety of sessions Monday on prekindergarten through high school education. The forum is to take place from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Edgemoor High School. Educator and author Michael Eaton is to be the guest speaker. Call Laurie Kuntz at DSN 226-3351 for more information.

Report: Threat gone

TOKYO — Japanese defense agency officials believe increased military activity around North Korean missile bases has subsided and there is no longer any threat of Pyongyang test-firing a missile, a newspaper reported Monday.

Japan said last month intelligence indicated North Korea was beefing up troops and equipment around launch bases, suggesting it might be preparing to test-fire a missile capable of reaching anywhere in Japan.

From staff and wire reports



Sitting between U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense Ian Brzezinski, left, and U.S. Ambassador to Macedonia Lawrence Butler, Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld talks to his Macedonian counterpart at the Ministry of Defense, Vlado Buckovski, in Skopje on Monday.

Rumsfeld praises Afghan vote

The Associated Press

SKOPJE, Macedonia — Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld on Monday praised the Afghan presidential elections as an "enormous accomplishment" and voiced his hope that the January vote in Iraq will be an equal success.

"The elections in Afghanistan have been an enormous accomplishment," Rumsfeld said in

Macedonia during his brief stop-over from Iraq to Romania.

Despite a boycott by some opposition candidates, the Afghan election observers and U.S.-backed interim President Hamid Karzai have sought to put the best face possible on Saturday's vote, noting that Taliban rebels were mostly silent and that turnout was high in a once-nondemocratic nation.

Rumsfeld said that only three

years ago, Afghanistan was the scene of massive terrorist attacks and "the Taliban were using the soccer stadium in Kabul to chop off people's heads instead of playing soccer."

He said that since then, Afghanistan "made a great leap ... for freedom."

"We see that in Afghanistan, and let there be no doubt, we will see that in Iraq," Rumsfeld said.

He said that despite the deteriorating security situation in Iraq and continuing insurgent attacks, the elections scheduled for January "will happen."

"It is not an easy task to turn the dictatorship, as in the case of Afghanistan, and it won't be an easy task in Iraq," Rumsfeld said.

"But Afghanistan is making it. Iraq is making a terrific effort of making it as well."

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Militia starts turning in weapons

Al-Sadr followers surrender guns in Sadr City

By SINAN SALAHEDDIN

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Followers of radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr tricked in to police stations in Baghdad's Sadr City district to hand in weapons Monday in a first step toward bringing peace to the Shiite militant stronghold after weeks of fighting with U.S. forces.

In western Mosul, meanwhile, a suicide car bomb exploded as an American military convoy was passing by, killing at least two Iraqis and wounding 18, witnesses said. Initial reports indicated there also were military casualties, a U.S. statement said, without providing figures.

Also Monday, an Islamist Web site showed the beheading of two hostages — one a Kurdish translator and the other a Turkish contractor wearing a badge of the Titan security company.

A statement said the two were captured in Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad by the Ansar al-Sunnah Army.

An Arabic language television station also broadcast a video Monday showing three hooded gunmen threatening to behead another Turkish hostage within three days unless the Americans release all Iraqi prisoners and all Turks leave Iraq.

One of the gunmen identified the kidnappers as members of Tawhid and Jihad, Iraq's most feared terror group that has been responsible for beheading several foreign hostages in Iraq.

However, the tape did not feature the group's banner, which has always appeared in Tawhid and Jihad video statements.

In preparation for the turnover of weap-

ons, checkpoints were set up along the roads to three Sadr City police stations, and Iraqi National Guard members took up positions on surrounding rooftops.

At al-Nasr station, police Maj. Kadhim Salman said fighters had turned in machine guns, TNT paste, land mines and other explosives.

Many of the weapons appeared old and rusted. Nonetheless, the government was hopeful the process would spell the end of the Shiite revolt and enable the Americans and their Iraqi allies to shift attention to the more extensive Sunni Muslim insurgency.

"Until that process is completed and until [the] Iraqi government itself is satisfied, it is way too early to characterize it as a success," Lt. Col. James Hutton of the U.S. 1st Cavalry Division said.

Fighters are supposed to be compensated for the weapons, but Salman said those responsible for the payments hadn't turned up yet. Instead, receipts were issued.

The rates ranged from \$5 for a hand grenade to \$1,000 for a heavy-caliber machine gun, police said.

Malik Jomaa walked up to the station with a white bag containing two grenade launchers slung over his shoulder.

"God willing, there will be no more fighting and Sadr City will live in peace," the 20-year-old fighter said.

Outside a police station, a pickup truck offloaded some 20 grenade launchers and dozens of mortar rounds, Associated Press Television News footage showed. Guns and explosives were spread out on the ground. U.S. soldiers supervised the process from a distance.

Al-Sadr's Mahdi Army agreed over the



Soldiers from the Iraqi National Guard show off mortars after militia members delivered sacks of the rounds to Iraqi security forces in the Sadr City neighborhood of Baghdad on Monday.

weekend to hand in the medium and heavy weapons in Sadr City. The arms transfer is supposed to last five days, after which Iraqi police and National Guardsmen will assume security responsibility for the slum, home to more than 2 million people.

In return, the government has promised to start releasing detained al-Sadr followers, provided they did not commit crimes. It has also suspended raids in the northeast-ern Baghdad district.

Vice President Ibrahim al-Jaafari welcomed the handover as a "good and positive initiative," telling APN that he hoped other insurgent enclaves would follow Sadr City's example.

Prime Minister Ayad Allawi's interim administration has committed more than \$500 million to rebuilding Sadr City, scene of heavy clashes between U.S. troops and al-Sadr's militia.

U.S. deaths in Iraq

The Associated Press

As of Friday, 1,064 members of the U.S. military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defense Department. Of those, 809 died as a result of hostile action and 255 died of nonhostile causes. The figures include three military civilians. There was no update over the weekend.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 926 U.S. military members have died — 700 as a result of hostile action and 226 of nonhostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Friday.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

■ A U.S. soldier died Sunday from injuries suffered from a car bomb attack in east Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

■ Army Sgt. Andrew W. Brown, 22, Pleasant Mount, Pa.; died Friday in Baghdad, of injuries sustained on Oct. 1 when his patrol vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device assigned to 1st Battalion, 509th Infantry, Fort Polk, La.

■ Marine Pfc. Andrew Halverson, 19, Grant, Wis.; died Saturday in gunfire in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 8th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1st Marine Expeditionary Force; Camp Pendleton.

■ Army Staff Sgt. Michael S. Voss, 35, Aberdeen, N.C.; died Friday near Tikrit, Iraq, when his convoy vehicle was hit by an explosive and small arms fire, assigned to the National Guard 1st Battalion, 120th Infantry Regiment; Wilmington, N.C.

Source: White House to delay major assaults

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration plans to delay major assaults on rebel-held cities in November, say administration officials, mindful that large-scale military offensives could affect the U.S. presidential race.

Although American commanders in Iraq have been buoyed by recent successes in insurgent-held towns such as Samarra and Tal Afar, administration and Pentagon officials say they will not try to retake cities such as Fallujah and Ramadi until after Americans vote in what is likely to be a close election.

"When this election's over, you'll see us move very vigorously," said one senior administration official involved in strategic planning, speaking on condition of anonymity.

"Once you're past the election, it's all about the political ramifications" of a large-scale offensive.

Any delay in pacifying Iraq's most troublesome cities, however, could alter the dynamics of a different election — the one in January, when Iraqis are to elect members of a national assembly.



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IN THE WORLD

New Nobel laureates right on the money

BY MATT MOORE

The Associated Press

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Norwegian Finn E. Kydland and American Edward C. Prescott received the 2004 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences on Monday for shedding light on how government policies and actions affect economies worldwide.

The work in macroeconomics, which examines inflation, changes in production and unemployment, has been used to chart how countries, including New Zealand, Sweden and Great Britain, among others, chart their monetary policy decisions through independent central banks and adapting to unexpected

market fluctuations such as rising oil prices or a drop in worker productivity, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said.

The 60-year-old Kydland teaches at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh and the University of California at Santa Barbara, while Prescott, 63, is at Arizona State University in Tempe and part of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis.

Both laureates published their work in joint papers in 1977 and 1982. Kydland and Prescott's 1977 article led to many countries forcing their central banks to stick to certain policies, regardless of what forces on the market wanted.

This year's prize is worth \$1.3 million.



AP photos

This year's winners of the 2004 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences are Norwegian Finn E. Kydland, left, and Edward Prescott of the United States.

They shared the award for their work in determining the consistency of economic policy and the driving force behind business cycles worldwide. Kydland teaches at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh; Prescott teaches at Arizona State University in Tempe.

N. Korea vows to use its 'war force' if stalled six-way talks move to U.N.

BY SOO-JEONG LEE

The Associated Press

SEOUL — North Korea on Monday blamed the United States for the stalemate in talks on its nuclear weapons programs, and warned it would use a "war deterrent force" if Washington brought the nuclear dispute before the U.N. Security Council.

The United States, North and South Korea, Japan, China and Russia have met for three rounds of talks aimed at getting the North to give up its nuclear armaments, but little progress has been made. A fourth round slated for last month never took place because the North refused to attend.

"If the U.S. applies more sanctions to the DPRK by putting the U.N. in motion, the DPRK will promptly and resolutely react to it with self-defensive war deterrent force," the North's official news agency, KCNA, said. "Sanctions mean a war and war does not know any mercy."

DPRK stands for Democratic People's Republic of Korea, North Korea's official name.

"The DPRK is not in a position to come out to the talks because the U.S. has deliberately laid a stumbling block in the way of the dialogue," KCNA added.

North Korea has issued similar warnings in the past especially at the height of tensions last year, shortly after the current nuclear dispute erupted when U.S. officials said North Korea admitted to running a nuclear

program in violation of international agreements.

The warning by North Korea came despite reassurances from Washington that it wants to resolve the nuclear crisis through the six-party talks, instead of going to the Security Council, which could consider sanctions.

Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage told Japanese broadcaster NHK that the United States, Japan, South Korea, China and Russia all want a denuclearized Korean peninsula.

"And that being the case, there is no rush to go to the U.N.," he said.

U.S. officials have also repeatedly said they have no plans to invade North Korea. Pyongyang says it wants security guarantees and economic aid in exchange for addressing concerns about its nuclear activities.

However, the U.N. nuclear chief last week urged the Security Council to act on the North Korean dispute because the North had withdrawn from the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty early last year. Mohamed ElBaradei, director of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said a passive response by the Security Council could set "the worst precedent of all."



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Afghan opposition candidate drops boycott on vote

Agrees to accept findings of independent panel

BY AMIR SHAH
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — An exit poll conducted by an American nonprofit group projected interim President Hamid Karzai would win Afghanistan's presidential election as the main opposition candidate in backed off a boycott of the vote on Monday.

Ethnic Tajik candidate Yunus Qanooni, considered the likely runner-up to interim President Hamid Karzai, made the announcement at his Kabul home on Monday, a day after two other candidates also peeled away from the boycott. He said he would accept the findings of an independent commission to look into alleged cheating. He said he had made his decision after a meeting with U.N. representative Jean Arnault and U.S. Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad.

"I don't want to be against the election and I appreciate the good will of the people of Afghanistan," Qanooni said. "I want to prove to the people of Afghanistan that the national interest is my highest interest."

The announcement was a huge victory for election organizers, who agreed to set up the panel on Sunday in hopes it would end the crisis that emerged when all 15 opposition candidates announced the boycott — in the middle of Saturday's voting.

Masooda Jalal, the only fe-

male candidate, and ethnic Hazara candidate Mohammed Mohaqeq said Sunday they would end their boycott in favor of setting up the panel.

The survey by the International Republican Institute, which is closely tied to the U.S. Republican Party although it has no direct affiliation with the GOP, said the U.S.-backed Karzai would finish ahead of Qanooni by an overwhelming 43 percentage points.

The group, which sent a 13-member observer team to monitor the elections, said that Karzai was well over the 50 percent mark necessary to avoid a runoff. But it did not give a breakdown of support for all the candidates nor did it release supporting data.

A senior Western official who met with some of the 15 candidates on Sunday said many had decided to back down and support the investigative team.

"Some of the candidates say they made that statement (the boycott) in too much of a rush," the official said on condition of anonymity. "They are now looking for a way out that allows them to save face."

Election observers, the U.S. Embassy and Karzai have all sought to put the best face possible on the vote, noting that Taliban rebels were mostly silent and that turnout was high in a nation that has never before tasted democracy.



Fire boats put out a fire at Superferry 14 off Manila Bay, west of Manila, on Feb. 27.

Philippines: Bomb planted by Abu Sayyaf caused Feb. ferry explosion

More than 100 killed in terrorist attack

The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — A bomb planted by the brutal Abu Sayyaf group caused a ferry fire in February that killed more than 100 people in the Philippines' worst terrorist attack, an investigation concluded Monday.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo initially had played down the possibility that the fire was a ter-

rorist attack despite a claim of responsibility from the al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf, but she said Monday that six members of the group have been charged with multiple counts of murder and attempted murder.

Arroyo said the men in custody also were responsible for a mass abduction in 2001 from the Dos Palmas resort on the Philippine island of Palawan, which left several hostages dead.

The suspects made and planted the bomb inside a television, and one of them beheaded Guillermo

Sobero of Corona, Calif., early in the yearlong hostage crisis, Arroyo said. Missionary Martin Burnham of Wichita, Kan., also died during a rescue mission that freed his wife, Gracia.

"I am now instructing the police and the military to intensify the manhunt for the two masterminds — Khaddafy Janjalani and Abu Sulaiman — and their two other accomplices," Arroyo told a news conference.

The al-Qaida-linked Abu Sayyaf claimed responsibility immediately after the Feb. 27 fire aboard the Superferry 14.

Crocodile attacks sleeping man

CAIRNS, Australia — A 60-year-old woman jumped onto the back of a 14-foot crocodile, tackling it to free a man trapped in its jaws, rescue authorities said Monday.

The huge crocodile grabbed the 34-year-old man as he slept in a tent with his wife at a remote Camp Melville beach campsite in northern Queensland state, said Ben Mitchell from the Australian Search and Rescue Coordination Center.

The saltwater crocodile entered the tent around 4 a.m. Monday and dragged the man outside, Mitchell said.

The woman "was also camping there, and she saw what was happening and she jumped on the croc," said Stephen Pemberton of the Royal Flying Doctors Service.

The crocodile let the man go and turned on the woman, pulling her toward the water before a third person shot it dead.

Scientists create 'alarming' shirt

SINGAPORE — Singapore scientists have created a shirt that can send a distress signal if the wearer falls down, a news report said Monday.

The shirt, designed with elderly people in mind,

has a built-in sensor that sends a signal to a family member's mobile phone or even to an e-mail address in case of a tumble, its creator Francis Tay said in The Straits Times newspaper.

The sensor detects the speed and tilt of the fall, the report said.

"When a person falls, that's bad enough. But if he falls and there's no one there to help him, it could be fatal," the paper quoted Tay as saying.

Evidence search at Egypt bomb site

TABA, Egypt — With Israeli rescue workers gone, the Egyptian military closed off the scene of a luxury hotel bombing that targeted Israeli tourists to clear more debris Monday and collect evidence for investigators tracing the explosives and vehicles.

Egyptian security officials said Sunday that a Bedouin tribesman has confessed to selling explosives that might have been used in the three Sinai resort car bombings that killed at least 34 people.

They said investigators also were looking into Palestinian militant involvement.

In Israel, Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom reiterated Monday his government believes responsibility lies with the al-Qaida terror network led by Osama bin Laden, although it was "not 100 percent" sure.

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Deserters find mixed reception

Fleeing Iraq duty, soldiers are in legal limbo in Canada

BY DOUG STRUCK
The Washington Post

TORONTO — Jeremy Hinzman enlisted in the Army in Boston, did a tour in Afghanistan and prepared for elite Ranger school. Then came orders to go to Iraq. He neatly piled his Army gear in his living room at Fort Bragg, N.C., and fled to Canada with his wife and baby.

"No matter how much I wanted to, I could not convince myself that killing someone was ever right," Hinzman, 25, said.

Spc. Hinzman is a deserter, one of at least four who have followed the path of Vietnam War resisters a generation ago to seek refuge in Canada. Here, they have been embraced by many from that time — former peaceniks who are now pillars of the community.

The government is less welcoming. Despite Canada's opposition to the Iraq war, the government also is opposing the deserters' refugee applications, saying the soldiers are not persecuted. It is resisting the argument that the Iraq war is illegal.

"Canada is worried if they grant us refugee status, others would come up," Hinzman said.

The deserters in Canada provoke anger in the United States among people who argue they are shirking a duty to which they willingly agreed. "There's no draft. These people volunteered for the military," said Jerry Newberry, a spokesman of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in St. Louis. "These people want to have their cake and eat it, too."

Hinzman, a slender, studious young man, accepts the criticisms. He replies that his objections to the military evolved after he enlisted.

Well before he was ordered to Iraq, he applied for noncombatant duty.

Had that been granted, he said, he would have served his obligation, would even have gone to Iraq as a medic or cook or anything that did not involve offensive operations.

"If I was in a situation where bullets were whizzing by, I'd be fine with that," he said. "I'm not saying I wouldn't be scared, but I would have soldiered on — as long as I wasn't pulling a trigger."

Hinzman spends his days reading and taking care of Liam, his 2½-year-old son, in the small back yard of the family's basement apartment in downtown Toronto. He and his wife, Niga Nguyen, a biologist and social worker who was barely 3 when her family fled Laos after the Vietnam War, take turns cooking vegetarian meals.

They are in legal limbo while Hinzman's case works its way through the Immigration and Refugee Board, which has scheduled

a hearing for Dec. 6. "I told Jeremy I would support his decision, whether he left or he went to prison," said Nguyen, 31. "At least we are together as a family, and alive."

Hinzman makes occasional speeches along with two other U.S. deserters who have gone public, Pvt. Brandon Hughey, 19, and David Sanders, a Navy enlistee. At least one other deserter is in Canada, according to Jeffrey House, an attorney for the Americans, but has remained out of sight.

House, 57, said he felt a call of recognition when Hinzman first came to his office. Thirty-four years earlier, House had crossed the border from Wisconsin rather than obey a draft notice during the Vietnam War.

Estimates of how many Americans came to Canada in those times to avoid service in the war range from 30,000 to 90,000. They were invited by the prime minister at the time, Pierre Trudeau, who in 1969 declared Canada to be "a refuge from militarism."

On taking office in 1977, President Jimmy Carter pardoned the draft dodgers and allowed deserters to apply for resolution of their cases.

"It's a big decision," House said of his client's action. "I respect and admire his decision."

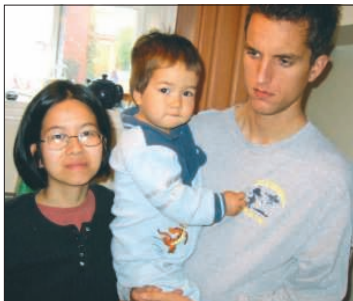
House has argued to the refugee board that Hinzman is fleeing an illegal war. The lawyer said he is prepared to argue that the Iraq war has produced a pattern of war crimes — he says the abuse at Abu Ghraib prison is exhibit number one — that justifies a soldier's refusal to serve.

The government responded that the legality of the war was not an issue, and that anyway, the U.S. presence in Iraq had been sanctioned by the United Nations by the time Hinzman fled Fort Bragg in January.

The government's lawyer declined to discuss the case, as did spokesmen for the board and the Citizenship and Immigration Agency.

Others, however, have taken up the Americans' cause. A music promoter organized a concert in June to raise funds for them. A public relations firm in western Canada set up a Web site, now brimming with messages of support.

"There's a very strong feeling against the war in Iraq here," said Carolyn Egan, president of the United Steelworkers' local council, which voted to support Hinzman. Unlike the Vietnam resisters, she said, these deserters "are not coming off college campuses filled with a political ideology. They seem to be honest young men who have made very personal decisions that they cannot support the war."



"No matter how much I wanted to, I could not convince myself that killing someone was ever right."

Jeremy Hinzman
U.S. Army soldier

Jeremy Hinzman, with wife Niga Nguyen and son Liam, are in limbo in Toronto while Canada considers Hinzman's refugee application after deserting the U.S. Army.

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IN THE STATES

Actor, activist Christopher Reeve dead at 52

BY JIM FITZGERALD

The Associated Press

MOUNT KISCO, N.Y. — "Superman" actor Christopher Reeve, who turned into a personal tragedy into a public crusade and from his wheelchair became the nation's most recognizable spokesman for spinal cord research, has died. He was 52.

Reeve went into cardiac arrest Saturday at his Pound Ridge home, then fell into a coma and died Sunday at a hospital surrounded by his family, his publicist said.

His advocacy for stem cell research helped it emerge as a major campaign issue between President Bush and his Democratic opponent, Sen. John Kerry. In the last week, Reeve had developed a serious systemic infection from a bed sore, a common complication for people living with paralysis. He entered the hospital Saturday.

Dana Reeve thanked her husband's personal staff of nurses and aides, "as well as the millions of fans from around the world."

Before the 1995 accident, his athletic, 6-foot-4-inch frame and love of adventure made him a natural, if largely unknown, choice for the title role in the first "Superman" movie in 1978. He insisted on performing his own stunts.

"Look, I've flown. I've become evil, loved, stopped and the world backward, I've faced my peers, I've befriended children and small animals and I've rescued cats from trees," Reeve told the Los Angeles Times in 1983, just before the release of the third "Superman" movie. "What else is there left for Superman to do that hasn't been done?"

That he owed his fame to Reeve made a concerted effort to, as he often put it, "escape the cape." He played an embittered, crippled Vietnam veteran in the 1980 Broadway play "Fifth of July," a love-triangle-traveler in the 1980 movie "Somewhere in Time," and an aspiring playwright in the 1982 suspense thriller "Deathtrap."

More recent films included John Carpenter's "Village of the Damned," and the HBO movies "Above Suspicion" and "In the Gloaming," which he directed. Among his other film credits are "The Remains of the Day," "The Aviator," and "Morning Glory."

Reeve's life changed after he broke his neck in May 1995 when he was thrown from his horse during an equestrian competition in Culpeper, Va.

Enduring months of therapy to allow him to breathe for longer and longer periods without a respirator, Reeve emerged to lobby Congress for better insurance protection against catastrophic injury. He moved an Academy Award audience to tears with a call for more films about social issues.

"Hollywood needs to do more," he said in the 1996 Oscar awards appearance. "Let's continue to take risks. Let's tackle the issues. In many ways our film community can do it better than anyone else."

He returned to directing and even returned to acting in a 1998 production of "Rear Window," a modern update of the Hitchcock thriller about a man in a wheelchair who becomes convinced a neighbor has been murdered. Reeve won a Screen Actors Guild award for best actor in a TV movie or miniseries.

In 2000, Reeve was able to move his index finger,



Christopher Reeve and wife Dana arrive at the 2003 Christopher Reeve Paralysis Foundation gala event in New York.

and a specialized workout regimen made his legs and arms stronger. With rigorous therapy, involving repeated electrical stimulation of the muscles, he also regained sensation in other parts of his body. He vowed to walk again.

"I refuse to allow a disability to determine how I live my life. I don't mean to be reckless, but setting a goal that seems a bit daunting actually is very helpful toward recovery," Reeve said.

Dr. John McDonald treated Reeve as director of the Spinal Cord Injury Program at Washington University in St. Louis. "Before him there was really no hope," McDonald said. "If you had a spinal cord injury like his there was not much that could be done, but he's changed all that. He's demonstrated that there is hope and that there are things that can be done."

Reeve was born Sept. 25, 1952, in New York City, son of a novelist and a newspaper reporter. About the age of 10, he made his first stage appearance in Gilbert and Sullivan's "The Yeoman of the Guard" at a theater in Princeton, N.J.

While filming "Superman" in London, Reeve met modeling agency co-founder Gae Exton, and the two began a relationship that lasted several years. The couple had a son and a daughter, but never wed.

Reeve later married Dana Morosini; they had one son, Will, 12.

Reeve also is survived by his mother, Barbara Johnson; his father, Franklin Reeve; his brother, Benjamin Reeve; and his two children from his relationship with Exton, Matthew, 25, and Alexandra, 21. Plans for a funeral were not immediately announced.

Infection a common ending for paralyzed

The Associated Press

Actor Christopher Reeve had excellent medical care, but lived about as long as most people with such severe neck injuries and succumbed the way they usually do — from an infection.

Reeve, who was paralyzed in a horse-riding accident in 1995, died Sunday at age 52.

Spinal cord injuries shorten most victims' life spans, often because people in wheelchairs are prone to getting bedsores that can become infected. Quadriplegics have the added danger of frequent urinary tract infections and infections from tubes to breathing machines, said Dr. David Apple, past president of the American Spinal Injury Association and medical director of the Shepherd Center, a specialty hospital in Atlanta that

treats spinal cord and brain injury patients.

To truly have a persistent bed sore, patients often must be hospitalized, have surgery to cut away the damaged skin, and have a new skin flap put in its place. It's six to 12 weeks before they can gradually return to sitting in a wheelchair again and resume activities.

"We have patients who just don't want to do that," Apple said.

The alternative is treatment with antibiotics, but spinal cord patients often have had repeated courses of such drugs.

"It's not hard to get a resistant strain of bacteria that even newer drugs can't cure," Apple said.

And once an infection spreads to the bloodstream — a dangerous condition called sepsis — "it can be difficult" to treat with any drugs, he said.



Reeve starred as reporter Clark Kent and his other-worldly alter ego in four "Superman" movies. "Look, I've flown, I've become evil, loved, stopped and turned the world backward, I've faced my peers, I've befriended children and small animals and I've rescued cats from trees," he said 1983, just before the release of the third "Superman" movie. "What else is there left for Superman to do that hasn't been done?"

AP photos

Christopher Reeve's filmography

Film:

"A Step Toward Tomorrow" 1996
 "Village of the Damned" 1995
 "Speechless" 1994
 "The Remains of the Day" 1993
 "Noises Off" 1992
 "Switching Channels" 1988
 "Superman IV: The Quest for Peace" 1987
 "Street Smart" 1987
 "The Aviator" 1985
 "The Bostonians" 1984
 "Superman II" 1983
 "Monsignor" 1982
 "Deathtrap" 1982
 "Somewhere in Time" 1980
 "Superman II" 1980
 "Superman" 1978
 "Gray Lady Down" 1978

Television:

"The Brooke Ellison Story" 2004 (director)
 "Rear Window" 1998 (executive producer)
 "In the Gloaming" 1997 (director)
 "Without Pity: A Film About Abilities" 1996
 "Black Fox: Good Men and Bad" 1995
 "Black Fox: The Price of Peace" 1995
 "Black Fox" 1995
 "Above Suspicion" 1995
 "The Sea Wolf" 1983
 "Nightmare in Daylight" 1992
 "Bump in the Night" 1991
 "The Rose and the Jackal" 1990
 "Great Escape II: The Untold Story" 1988
 "Anna Karenina" 1985
 "Lone Liberty" 1982
 "The Muppets Go Hollywood" 1979
 "Love of Life" (TV series) 1974-76

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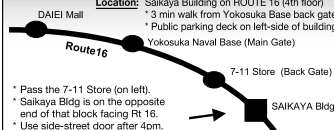
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Senate passes corporate tax bill

BY JIM ABRAMS
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate passed a far-reaching, \$136 billion corporate tax package Monday that cuts taxes for businesses ranging from film companies to bow and arrow makers while closing tax loopholes and bringing U.S. exporters in line with international trade rules.

With the 69-17 vote, the legislation that was two years in the making and required a rare weekend session in the Senate to complete, goes to President Bush for his signature.

"About 200,000 American manufacturers will receive a benefit to help create jobs," said Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont.

Senators also passed by voice vote two spending bills for 2005, a \$33 billion homeland security bill and another including \$14.5 billion in relief for Florida hurricane victims and drought-ravaged farmers in the Plains states, before their belated departure for the campaign trail.

The House adjourned on Saturday after finishing its actions on the three bills.

Monday's vote was made possible by a Sun-

day night agreement to satisfy the concerns of several Democrats threatening to immobilize the Senate with a weeklong filibuster.

Sens. Mary Landrieu, D-La., and Edward Kennedy, D-Mass., sought to protect measures left out of the corporate tax bill, while Sen. Tom Harkin, D-Iowa, objected to a cut in spending for a farm conservation program linked to drought assistance.

In the settlement, the three senators were promised mostly symbolic votes in which the Senate will reaffirm positions it has taken in the past, but which have been opposed by House Republican leaders.

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, blamed politics for the difficulties in getting the bill through Congress. "Certain members of this body don't want a Republican president signing a jobs bill a few days before the election," he said.

Harkin held up action on the hurricane aid, attached to a \$10 billion military construction spending bill, to protest the decision to pay for the \$2.9 billion in drought relief by cutting a farm conservation program that he has championed.

The hurricane money, intended mostly for the election battleground state of Florida, is not budgeted and will increase the federal deficit.

Landrieu won agreement for a vote on a measure giving a 50 percent tax credit to employers who compensate workers up to \$30,000 in lost pay when military Reservists or National Guard members are called to active duty. It was estimated to have a \$2.5 billion cost over 10 years.

Her proposal had been in the Senate version of the corporate tax bill but was taken out when House Republicans opposed it. Given that opposition, it was unlikely to win House passage.

The corporate tax bill grew out of the need for Congress to respond to a World Trade Organization ruling that a \$5 billion annual subsidy for U.S. exporters was illegal. As a result, 1,600 American exports to Europe are being hit by penalty tariffs that now stand at 12 percent and are rising by one percentage point a month.

The bill became the vehicle for the most significant overhaul of corporate tax law in nearly two decades. It includes \$76.5 billion in new tax relief for the manufacturing sector, which was broadly defined to include oil and gas producers, architectural and engineering firms and film and music companies.

Futures hurt gas prices

LOS ANGELES — High crude oil futures prices are being blamed for a spike in the cost of gasoline, which has gone up nearly 8 cents a gallon over the past two weeks.

From Sept. 24 through Friday, the combined national average for

all grades of gas rose to \$2.02 a gallon, according to Tully Lundberg, who publishes the semi-monthly Lundberg Survey of 7,000 gas stations across the country.

Self-serve regular, the biggest seller, now costs \$1.99 a gallon; midgrade is \$2.09, and premium is \$2.18, Lundberg said.

Lundberg blamed the increase on the rising cost of crude, which hit \$53.31 a barrel on Friday, and said prices are likely to continue to climb in the short term. But they may begin to come down as hurricane-damaged petroleum facilities in the Gulf of Mexico are repaired, she said.

"That is, unless we have a new event such as an especially cold

winter, in the U.S. or internationally, snapping up home heating supplies and prices, which would add to the value of crude oil," Lundberg said Sunday.

While crude oil futures prices are about 79 percent higher than a year ago, they are \$27 below the peak inflation-adjusted price reached in 1981.

From The Associated Press

Many mourn Arkansas bus crash victims

BY CARYN ROUSSEAU
The Associated Press

WEST MEMPHIS, Ark. — While relatives kept vigil at hospitals and church parishioners prayed for the dead, investigators scoured the crash site where a bus packed with gamblers overturned, killing 14 passengers.

Thirty people were aboard the Mississippi-bound charter bus from Chicago when it flipped over early Saturday on Interstate 55, 25 miles north of Memphis. Sixteen people were injured.

"It's just neighborhood and community," Brenda Clay said Sunday in a hospital waiting room. "There's still good old American communities where people get together and do things together."

Clay kept vigil at the Regional Medical Center in Memphis because her relative, 62-year-old Herbert Redmond, was taken there after the accident. She had nothing but gratitude for those who helped on the scene and at the hospital.

Investigators planned to create computer models of the accident in their search for a cause. On Sunday, they combed through the grass, looking for clues to why the bus drifted off the road.

A reconstruction of the accident was under way. But officials cautioned that a final police report would not be ready for a week.

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Independent presidential candidate Ralph Nader announces he will be a write-in candidate on the California ballot during his Monday news conference at the Capitol in Sacramento, Calif.

Nader draws less interest this time around

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Four years ago, Ralph Nader had a seat on the Sunday talk shows, a spot on 43 state ballots and a gutsy low-budget campaign that was packing in supporters. Unbowed at age 70, he's back this time sounding the same pox-on-both-your-houses message. But this time he stands at just 1 percent in the polls and former allies are trying to get him to sit down.

"Welcome to the politics of joy and justice," Nader called out to 15,000 noisy fans who crammed Madison Square Garden four

years ago this week to hear celebrities like Susan Sarandon, Michael Moore and Bill Murray extol him as a clarion voice of democracy.

When the fog of Election Day cleared, Nader had 2.9 million votes — 2.7 percent of all ballots cast — and no regrets that his outsider candidacy just might have tilted the election in favor of George W. Bush. Among many Democrats, though, there was anger that he hadn't dropped out of the race. And even among some Nader voters, there was a sinking sense of buyer's remorse.

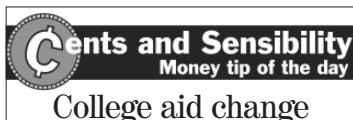
His message hadn't changed. "We're all held hostage to this two-party, winner-takes-all dictatorship," he said last week in Portland, Maine, accusing both the Republican and Democratic parties of being captive to corporate interests and deaf to ordinary citizens.

But Nader has had to claw his way onto ballots around the country in the face of an aggressive anti-Nader campaign spearheaded by some of his former allies.

When the dust settles on various legal challenges, Nader, who complains of Democratic "dirty tricks" to keep him off state ballots, probably will appear on about 35. His name will be absent in three of his top four vote-getting states from 2000: California, Massachusetts and Texas.

Nader's place in history also has been muddled. Decades hence, will he be remembered as a fearless consumer advocate and defender of democracy beholden to no one, as a self-absorbed spoiler who tilted one or perhaps even two presidential elections toward Bush, or something in between?

Nader, with characteristic harrumph, shrugs off questions about his legacy, saying no one's atop the seat belt or the chains of winning. And, furthermore, he rejects the widely held belief that his candidacy hurts John Kerry more than Bush.



College aid change

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress is making a promise to banks that has allowed them to reap billions of dollars in profits from a federal college aid program.

Legislation halting the federal guarantee of a 9.5 percent rate of return to lenders of certain student loans was passed Saturday by the Senate and sent to President Bush. The bill, en route by the White House, won approval Thursday in the House.

The 9.5 percent interest rate on many loans will be replaced with an adjustable rate reflecting the market. The guarantee to banks has long been a profit-maker because the govern-

ment has had to pay them whatever amount of interest students do not, and students now pay under 3.4 percent.

Sen. Judd Gregg, R-N.H., chairman of the Health, Education and Labor Committee, said the bill "essentially saves the taxpayers from paying out a \$100 million windfall to people who give loans to students."

The money will be diverted to forgiving up to \$17,000 in student loans for teachers who spend five years in poor schools and in the fields of math, science and special education.

The change would last one year, with sponsors promising a permanent fix when Congress renews the nation's higher education law next year.

On the issues

President Bush



"Yes, My proposal would ensure that injured persons are fully compensated for their economic losses, while reasonably limiting noneconomic damages to \$250,000. It would also reserve

Do you support a federal cap on medical malpractice awards as a way to restrain health insurance costs?

punitive damages for cases in which they are justified, ensure that old cases cannot be brought years after an event, and provide that defendants should pay judgments in proportion to their fault."

Sen. John Kerry



"I will require that a qualified specialist certifies a medical malpractice case's merit before it is allowed to move forward. I will also work with states so we have nonbinding mediation on all malpractice claims before cases proceed to trial. Lawyers who

file frivolous cases would face tough, mandatory sanctions, including a three strikes and you're out provision. I also oppose punitive damages — unless intentional misconduct, gross negligence, or reckless indifference to life can be established."

AP

President attacks senator's remarks, Kerry faults policies

The Associated Press

HOBBS, N.M. — Two days before the final presidential debate, President Bush criticized Democratic challenger Sen. John Kerry for suggesting that the anti-terror battle should reduce terrorists to "a nuisance" from the current full-on crisis.

"I couldn't disagree more," Bush said Monday. "Our goal is not to reduce terror to some acceptable level of nuisance. Our goal is to defeat terror by staying on the offensive, destroying terrorist networks and spreading freedom and liberty around the world."

Kerry said in an interview in The New York Times Magazine on Sunday that "we have to get back to the place we were, where terrorists are not the focus of our lives but they're a nuisance."

The Bush campaign is also criticizing the comment in a new ad.

Phil Singer, a Kerry Edwards spokesman, said the Republicans misrepresented Kerry's full comments, which promised to reduce the terror threat so it doesn't threaten lives every day while continuing the battle.

"Considering that George Bush doesn't think we can win the war on terror, let Osama bin Laden escape and rushed into Iraq with no plan to win the peace, it's no surprise that his campaign is distorting every word John Kerry has ever said," the spokesman said.

Campaigning across New Mexico on Monday, Kerry accused Bush of refusing to help small business companies instead of consumers, and said higher gas prices mean bigger profits for "this president's friends in the oil industry."

"When it comes to developing a real energy policy, George Bush has run out of gas," Kerry said. "The money that you're paying at the pump is going directly from

your wallets straight into the hands of the oil companies and the oil producers."

Setting the stage for his third and final face-to-face meeting with Bush on Wednesday, this time focusing on domestic issues, Kerry detailed his energy plan and criticized the Republican-controlled Congress for failing to pass an energy bill.

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A new Kerry campaign ad argues that Bush's tax cuts shifted more of the burden from wealthy taxpayers to middle-class families.

"We need to cut taxes on the middle class, not raise them," the narrator says.

Broadening his criticism beyond energy, the Democrat accused the president of looking out for special interests, not everyone's interest, in health care, taxes and other issues.

"The only people George Bush's policies are working for are the people that he's chosen to help," Kerry said. "They're working for drug companies, they're working for HMOs, and they're certainly working for the big oil companies."

Speaking late Sunday in Albuquerque, Kerry said he would push scientists at the state's major government research labs to develop alternative fuels.

The Bush-Century campaign said Kerry had worked in the Senate against the president's proposals to decrease the nation's dependence on foreign oil and develop renewable energy.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Japanese yen (Oct. 12)	109.00
South Korean won (Oct. 9)	1,121.00
Euro (Oct. 12)	\$1.2669
British pound (Oct. 12)	\$1.83
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.7931
Canada (Dollar)	1.2520
Denmark (Krone)	0.6173
Egypt (Pound)	\$2.282
Euro	\$1.2418
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.7824
Hungary (Forint)	200.12
Israel (Shekel)	69.36
Japan (Yen)	106.42
Norway (Krone)	0.2946
Philippines (Peso)	0.7162
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	56.32
Singapore (Dollar)	1.6799
Switzerland (Franc)	1.2684
Thailand (Baht)	47.17
Turkey (Lira)	1,492.20

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PRECIOUS METALS

New York Merc close	
Gold	\$423.10
Silver	\$27.33

INTEREST RATES

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Discount rate	2.75
Federal funds market rate	1.75
3-month bill	1.69
30-year bond	5.81

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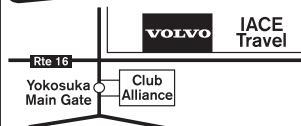
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Latin singer explores Colombia's dark side

Grammy winner Juanes' new album reflects on his country's guerrilla war

BY ANDREW SELSKY

The Associated Press

BOGOTÁ, Colombia

For a musician with nine Latin Grammys and a new single topping the charts, Juanes is a laid-back guy, with none of a rock star's brashness.

But underneath that mellow exterior is a man on a mission — just listen to his new album.

"Mi Sangre" ("My Blood"), which came out Sept. 28, confronts the suffering and bloodshed in Colombia's protracted guerrilla war.

During a conversation in a Bogota hotel, Juanes said his nation's dark side must be explored: "Colombia is a country which is suffering, and we must move ahead," the lanky, long-haired singer said. "To make a flowery record would not be telling the truth."

While conflicts in Iraq and Afghanistan grab headlines, Colombia's war kills 3,500 people — mostly civilians — every year.

Another 3,000 Colombians are kidnapped each year. And the conflict is seemingly endless: Two Marxist rebel groups, funded by drug trafficking, extortion and kidnapping, have been battling a succession of elected governments for 40 years.

Juanes, a 32-year-old Miami resident, has found a huge international audience with his heartfelt lyrics mixed with flowing guitar riffs. On his previous two albums, he



A Colombian soldier takes a photograph of singer-songwriter Juanes during a concert for wounded soldiers at an army medical battalion in Bogota, Colombia. Juanes' new album, which hit stores Sept. 28, confronts the suffering and bloodshed of Colombia's protracted guerrilla war.

sang often of love and betrayal, and a little about the Colombian conflict. Now that ratio has been reversed on his new album, as he hopes for better days for his South American homeland.

"I dream that all the hostages who are held today in the middle of the jungle are free," Juanes sings in "Suenos" ("Dreams").

"I dream that my bleeding people live in peace and this senseless war is over."

Before the album's release, Juanes performed for wounded Colombian soldiers at a Bogota military hospital. One soldier, who lost an arm in combat, presented Juanes with a clay cup made at the hospital's occupational training program.

"It was a very emotional encounter for me," Juanes said. "I respect and admire them."

Some of his new songs were inspired by tales of soldiers separated from their loved ones while pulling one- or two-year tours of duty from the cold of the Andes Mountains to Colombia's steamy jungles.

"When they're in the field, what keeps them going is their desire to return to their families," Juanes said.

The single "Nada Valgo Sin Tu Amor" ("I'm Worthless Without Your Love"), which was released weeks ahead of

the album and is now the most-played Latin song in the United States, poignantly addresses the theme: "I want to take back all the nights I've lost, to beat back this overpowering fear of death, to be eternal with you."

Juanes, whose given name is Juan Esteban Aristizabal, has come a long way since he fronted a heavy metal band called Ekymosis in his hometown of Medellin in the 1990s.

"I wanted to be the James Hetfield of Medellin," Juanes recalled with a laugh, referring to the lead singer of Metallica, a band he still admires. "But I realized that wasn't me and that I wouldn't get far."

Juanes, who began learning guitar at 5, said he decided when he left Ekymosis and moved to the United States that he didn't want to copy other bands, no matter how cool they were, but instead to find his own voice.

Unlike fellow Colombian superstar musician Shakira, whose album "Laundry Service" is mostly in English, Juanes said he will stick to Spanish — even if many fans don't always understand the words.

"In London, when I sang 'A Dios Le Pido' (I Ask God), some people thought I was saying 'Adios Lepido' (Goodbye Lepido)," Juanes said with a grin. "But it doesn't matter — even if people don't understand 100 percent of the words, the music still connects."

Walken at the Chinese Theater

Academy Award-winning actor Christopher Walken has left his hand and foot prints at Hollywood's fabled Grauman's Chinese Theater.

"This is a thrill, a big day for me," Walken said at the ceremony Friday. "I'm not sure how I arrived at this place today, but one sure thing: I've been lucky. Thank you for this day."

Walken, 61, stamped prints of dancing shoes into the cement outside the theater, recalling his childhood training as a dancer.

"These are my favorite shoes," Walken said. Though the dancing shoes were crusted with cement, Walken joked that he might hang them off his car's rearview mirror.

The ceremony coincided with the opening of Walken's latest film, "Around the Bend," about four generations of men in a broken family who reunite.

Pryor doesn't find animal cruelty funny

Comedian Richard Pryor and former "Friends" star Matthew Perry are adding to the reward for information leading to the arrest of the person who drowned a golden retriever in the surf on the Massachusetts coast.



Walken

The dog, which police said had been tied up, muzzled and stuffed inside a burlap bag, was found on Sept. 21 by a person walking on the beach in Nahant, Mass.

Pryor heard about the incident through a network of fellow animal lovers, said Linda Horsley, a pet sitter from Nahant, who is helping to organize the reward efforts with the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Rod Stewart kicks off new tour

Singer Rod Stewart is heading to Harlem's Apollo Theater for a concert to kick off the release of his latest CD, "Stardust ... The Great American Songbook: Volume III."

The invitation-only concert on Oct. 18 will be broadcast live on the Internet and will feature songs from the new album.

His first and second volumes of "The Great American Songbook" — released in 2002 and 2003 — were both Grammy nominees, together selling more than 10 million copies.

Stewart sings part on the third volume with Dolly Parton and Bette Midler. Eric Clapton accompanies him on one track with his guitar, and Steve



Stewart

Wonder plays harmonica on another.

"Singing these amazing songs has moved me deeply," Stewart said.

Indian-born filmmaker wins award

When Indian-born filmmaker Mira Nair heard that she had been selected to receive the Honorary Maverick Award at the Woodstock Film Festival, she felt confused before she felt honored.

"I had to look it up in the dictionary," Nair said, "but I like what I saw."

The Maverick Award is given to an individual whose life and work is based on independent vision and social activism. Past recipients include Woody Harrison, Tim Robbins, D.A. Pennebaker, Chris Hegedus and Les Blank.

"We are so proud to honor the work of Mira Nair, who fearlessly combines independence and risk-taking with social consciousness and consumes the tradition of those who make feelings visible, who make sense out of sensations, who shine light into darkness," said festival director and co-founder Meira Blaustein.

She most recently directed the big-screen adaptation of "Vanity Fair," starring Reese Witherspoon. Her 1988 film, "Salaam Bombay!" was nominated for an Academy Award for best foreign language film. Her other movies include "Mississippi Masala" and "Monsoon Wedding."

Stories and photos from The Associated Press

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MOVIES

SPORTS

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6 AFN-P	•ESPN News The Patrick Miller admiralty the pro- fessor. (CC)	Pacific Report The Parkers Nicks admiralty the pro- fessor. (CC)	The Simple Life (CC)	America's Next Top Model (CC)	Las Vegas: The Fast, The Furious? An actor star dies while executing a stunt for his latest movie. (CC)				Pacific Report The Parkers Nicks admiralty the pro- fessor. (CC)	The Tonight Show (CC)	Late Show (CC)	
7 AFN-AT	5:30 Guiding Light (CC)	General Hospital Headline News Judge Judy (CC)	Headline News Judge Judy (CC)	Today Presidential debate. (CC)					The Sylvester & Twisty Mysteries Headline News Channel One	Jimmy Neutron Boy Genius Channel One	Popular Mechanics for Kids (E)	Strange Days Blake Holley
8 NEWS	CNN Daybreak	The O'Reilly Factor (CC)		Good Morning America (CC)								
9 SPORTS	•14:00 College Football Teams to Be Announced. (Taped)	•SportsCenter	•Baseball Tonight	•NFL Live	•Fishing FLW Tour - Atchafalaya Basin	•Fishing Mega-Waters Arch-rivals Crash and Gowder compete to build rock- drawing machines.	•Friends Chandler finds a new room- mate. (CC)	•Seinfeld George's phone lines get crossed. (CC)	The Daily Show (CC)	Blind Date (CC)		
10 SPECT	The Simpsons The Great Movie Caper	Everybody Loves Raymond. Jay reunites. (CC)	To Be Announced	Andromeda: The Prince Dylan and the crew help a survivor of a massed royal family regain the throne.	•Sigs: (2002) Science Fiction Movie Daniel Craig, Jason Priestley Degrassi: Next Degrassi: Next Degrassi: Next	•Sigs: (2002) Science Fiction Movie Daniel Craig, Jason Priestley Degrassi: Next Degrassi: Next Degrassi: Next	•Sigs: (2002) Science Fiction Movie Daniel Craig, Jason Priestley Degrassi: Next Degrassi: Next Degrassi: Next	•Sigs: (2002) Science Fiction Movie Daniel Craig, Jason Priestley Degrassi: Next Degrassi: Next Degrassi: Next	•Sigs: (2002) Science Fiction Movie Daniel Craig, Jason Priestley Degrassi: Next Degrassi: Next Degrassi: Next	•Sigs: (2002) Science Fiction Movie Daniel Craig, Jason Priestley Degrassi: Next Degrassi: Next Degrassi: Next	•Sigs: (2002) Science Fiction Movie Daniel Craig, Jason Priestley Degrassi: Next Degrassi: Next Degrassi: Next	•Sigs: (2002) Science Fiction Movie Daniel Craig, Jason Priestley Degrassi: Next Degrassi: Next Degrassi: Next
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25 SHOW	6:30 *** "Sings" Perez: Hip-hop bidders singer to a solemn funeral. (E)	City Confidential: Scotland Yard in the Bible Belt? A Scottish, Al, preacher tries to kill his wife.	American Justice "Sins of a Priest: The John Georgian Story" (N)	Biography "Don Adams" Don Adams. (N) (CC)								
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33 TOON	Samurai Jack	Dexter's Laboratory	Justice League	Justice League								
34 ANPL	The Crocodile Hunter Wildlife rescue mission staged after the revolution in East Timor. (CC)	Most Extreme "Super Series" Animal vs. human series. (CC)	King of the Jungle "Winner's Special" The winner searches for the best place to release a loola bear. (N)	King of the Jungle "Winner's Special" The winner searches for the best place to release a loola bear. (N)								
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40 NCA-	Hidden Genders: The culture and roles of transsexuals and cross-dressers in different countries.	Snake Wranglers Swimming with deadly snakes.	Croc Chronicles "Gators" (CC)	Dogs With Jobs Mongoose Murders								
42 FOX	Spoke	Spoke	Spoke	Spoke								
44 BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live								
46 COURT	NYPD Blue Simone and Spencer help catch a murderer. (CC)	The Simpsons (CC)	The Drew Carey Show (CC)	The Drew Carey Show (CC)								
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1:15 2000 FIFA World Cup Soccer: Asian Bloc
5:30 News (6)
5:50 News (6)
6:10 ABC News
7:00 NHK News (1)
7:25 State of Grace (3)ends
9:00 Intellectual Fighting: K-1 World Max 2004
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10:00 America's Top 40 (42)
11:15 2000 FIFA World Cup Soccer: Asian Bloc
Preliminary - Oman vs. Japan (8)
2:30 Yomiuri Symphony Hour (4)
2:39 Buzz Lightyear of Star Command (6)

JAPAN TV-B57

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Active-duty lie

IL CHICAGO — A police officer was accused of pretending she was on active duty with the Army National Guard so the department would put her on military leave, authorities said.

Police allege that 30-year-old Jacqueline Williams submitted forged U.S. Army documents to the department that said she had been called to duty July 25.

Police said department inspectors launched an investigation after becoming suspicious of the documents, and Army officials confirmed they were not authentic. The Army also confirmed to police that Williams had not been called to active duty.

Prosecutors have charged Williams with felony theft and forgery, said Pat Camden, a spokesman for the Chicago Police Department. She remained jailed on \$40,000 bond, Camden said.

The department has stripped Williams of her police powers and is moving to fire her.

Porn offer for troops

OR SPRINGFIELD — An adult pornography store here is offering a 10 percent discount on its merchandise for U.S. troops fighting in Iraq. But U.S. government rules ban the possession of pornography by any military members serving in the Middle East. The penalty for violation is at the discretion of the commanding officer but may include extra duty, a cut in pay or restricted movements, said Maj. Elizabeth Robbins at the Pentagon.

Political sign theft

VA CHESAPEAKE — A former Chesapeake mayor-al candidate was fined \$100 for stealing campaign signs of fellow candidates before the May 4 city election.

Circuit Court Judge John Daffron fined T.J. "Cowboy" Carawan \$50 each on two counts of petty larceny. Carawan, 61, had been convicted of 10 counts of petty larceny in July and fined \$500 in a lower court but appealed. His appeal ended with the lesser fine.

Earlier this year, various political candidates began to notice their signs vanishing. During a search of Carawan's home, police discovered about 35 campaign signs in his trash bin, truck and dog pen.

A mowing mistake

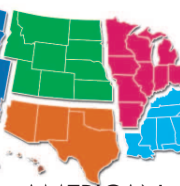
OH PERRYSBURG — It was a clear-cut error: A state worker mowed down 28,000 young trees that had been planted as part of a \$33,000 highway beautification project.

The only thing left behind were signs that read "Do not mow or spray."

"Shame on us. We wasted all that effort," Joe Rutherford, a spokesman with the Ohio Transportation Department, said.

The oaks, ash, birches, maples and sycamores were planted in 2002 and 2003 at the interchange of Interstate 75 and I-475 near this Toledo suburb. The city, county and state paid for the seedlings, and volunteers put in more than 70 hours planting them.

Rutherford said the seedlings, which were no more than 2 feet tall, were cut down earlier this



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week. He said that many of the seedlings were dead and that someone got the idea it would be OK to mow them down.

Lottery winner murdered

MA PITTSFIELD — A Pittsfield man was convicted of first-degree murder for the slaying of a 62-year-old hardware store manager whom he targeted for his lottery winnings.

Frank P. LeBeau Jr., 36, was sentenced to life in prison after a Berkshire Superior Court jury found him guilty of killing Robert L. Vincent, a Pittsfield man who had recently won close to \$500 playing Keno.

LeBeau used a metal rod to beat Vincent to death in August 2002 and steal what was left of the victim's winnings, prosecutors said.

The slaying took place in Vincent's apartment. Judge John A. Agostini issued the mandatory life sentence without the possibility of parole on the murder conviction, the Berkshire Eagle reported.

Swamp is swampy again

GA ALBANY — The Okefenokee Swamp, so dry only three months ago that canoe trails had to be closed, is wetter than it has been in years because of heavy rain from the recent hurricanes.

Hurricanes Bonnie, Frances and Jeanne have dumped 17 to 20 inches



Happy dance

Jason Stevenson, 3, of Dayton, Nev., dances during the Carson City Library Foundation's sixth annual Oktoberfest fun-raiser at the Pony Express Fund Pavilion at Mills Park in Carson City, Nev.

es of rain since August, forcing wildlife to move to higher ground and giving visitors more time to see the animals. Workers are taking advantage of the high water to improve canoe trails. During recent drought years, workers could only trim foliage with chain saws, but now they can float a larger trail-cutting machine into previously inaccessible areas.

Boy drives 200 miles

MO INDEPENDENCE — An 11-year-old boy who told authorities he was upset about being bullied at school took off in the family car on an odyssey that ended more than 200 miles away on the other side of the state.

Sgt. Michael Johnston of the Macon County Sheriff's Department said he got a call from the Calhoun postmaster, who reported that a boy was locked out of his car and wanted to talk.

The relieved parents, who had filed a missing person report in Independence noting that their car and keys were also gone, picked up their son. He was back in school the next day.

Adopted twins reunited

AZ TUCSON — Two families who adopted Chinese children and brought them to separate homes in Arizona and Alabama have discovered that the toddlers are siblings and almost certainly twins.

Three-year-olds XiMei and TaoTao were reunited when TaoTao and his adoptive mother arrived at Tucson International Airport to spend the weekend. XiMei (pronounced shee-may) was adopted by a Tucson couple, and an Alabama family adopted TaoTao.

The two families found each other when Rose Venekisen and Jutta Walters linked up on a Web site offering support for families who adopted children from China.

As they talked, they realized their children were estimated to be about the same age, were found abandoned the same day, and both had cleft palates. They were both taken to the same orphanage and both were afraid of the dark, according to their adoption profiles.

DNA tests confirmed with 98 percent accuracy that the toddlers share at least one parent, most likely their mother.

Showdown over bison

MT BILLINGS — On a spring day in 1990, there was chaos near the border of Yellowstone National Park.

Bison were running. Hunters were facing off with activists who were trying to keep them from killing the bison. And D.J. Schubert was in the thick of it, leading the protesters.

Cameras captured it all, igniting a public outrage that Schubert believes ultimately led the state to halt bison hunting a year later. Today, the wildlife biologist and his fellow activists promise the same craziness — including more bad publicity for Montana — if the state allows hunting to resume this winter, as planned.

The controversy heats up each winter when the bison leave Yellowstone in search of food. Ranchers in Montana worry the bison will transmit brucellosis, which can cause cattle to abort.



Sandy surroundings

Brad Goll of Sandscapes based out of Los Osos, Calif., works on a sand sculpture at the 2004 Down East Festival in downtown Rocky Mount, N.C.



Humorous hound

Michele Carlin, of Ferndale, Mich., holds her dog, Bubbles, after winning the funny costume during the Michigan Humane Society Mutt March at Orion Oaks Park in Orion Township, Mich.



Look what I got

Jose Carlos Munoz, left, Makala Smith, both 4, Skyla Manning, 3, and Monique Lopez-Flores, 4, watch with wide eyes as Valerie Coomes, aka the "The Balloon Lady," gives Mikala a dog-shaped balloon during their Lincoln Elementary School Head Start class in Corvallis, Ore.



Three on a ledge Brigid Lally, 4, of Rochester Hills, Mich., peeks over a stone wall toward her mother who was trying to get a photo of her during The Stonewall Pumpkin Festival at the historical Van Hoesen Farm in Rochester Hills, Mich.



Dancing queens The dance group "Too Cute" from the Nebula Dance Company out of Hanover, Pa., performs for the crowd at the 7th annual Women's Show at the York Expo Center in York, Pa.



Wait up, Mommy Zach Glazier, 3, hustles to catch up to his mom, Ann, while pulling his wagon at The Pumpkin Patch of Albert Lea, Minn.

City wants beer shrine

MO ST. LOUIS — The city is bellling up to the bar in its bid to be the host town of a planned shrine to beer. The Gateway City is among six finalists for the so-called Beer Hall of Fame. The idea for a shrine is being sold by a Maryland-based company. Its vision of the hall of fame includes theme restaurants, a microbrewery, brew pub and what's touted as a beer "education center." Other cities in the running are Milwaukee, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, San Diego and Frankenmuth, Mich.

Brawl on the bus

FL YALAHUA — A woman allegedly choked a 13-year-old girl for fighting with her daughter on a bus. The brawl began when the girls exchanged racial insults on their way home from middle school. Rita Gooden, 38, of Yalaha, near Orlando, was charged with attempted murder. Gooden's 12-year-old daughter is black; the other girl is white.

Geyser burns hiker

WY YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK — A tourist who wandered off a trail broke through fragile ground near a geyser, scalding his legs up to his knees. He received second-degree burns.

The man and a friend were hiking when they decided to leave the boardwalk in the park's Firehole Lake area of Lower Geyser Basin, rangers said. He stepped through the thin layer of earth in thermal areas that covers water near or above the boiling point.

He was pulled from the water by the friend, who drove him to Old Faithful Inn at the park. There, emergency workers stabilized the man and transported him to Old Faithful Clinic. He was flown later to the Idaho hospital.

Rangers reminded visitors for their own safety to stay on designated trails.

Crane games removed

MS JACKSON — Wal-Mart member called for an investigation into how a Muslim organization building a \$22 million mosque acquired property at a bargain price. Councilor Jerry McDermott ordered a hearing into why the city sold the two-acre parcel for \$175,000 to the Islamic Society of Boston, which has been accused of having ties to extremist Muslims. The land was assessed at \$401,000.

Commandments to stay

PA PHILADELPHIA — A plaque of the Ten Commandments that has hung for 86 years on a wall outside the Allegheny County courthouse in Pittsburgh can remain, a federal appeals court ruled. The court upheld a lower court's ruling that the plaque didn't endorse any religion. Americans United for Separation of Church and State sued Allegheny County four years ago on behalf of two county residents who said they were offended by the plaque.

Joint project considered

TN MEMPHIS — The Shelby County school board president asked the separately run city schools to consider jointly building three schools in fast-growing areas. The county schools draw stu-

dents from mostly white, affluent suburbs while the city schools have pupils from the mostly black, poorer inner city. Previous talk about merging the systems has drawn sharp protest.

Likely nurses shortage

MI DETROIT — The state's nursing work force is getting older, a trend that could exacerbate Michigan's shortage of nurses over the next 10 years, according to a survey by the Michigan Center for Nursing. A third of the state's 110,000 active nurses say they plan to retire within a decade. In Michigan, 17 percent of working registered nurses are older than 55, compared with 14 percent in 1992. And 24 percent of working, licensed practical nurses are older than 55, compared with 14 percent in 1992.

Pumpkin catapult

WA BURLINGTON — Want to see a pumpkin hurled more than a half mile? A group of friends who are metal fabricators built a 56-foot-tall wooden catapult for this weekend's Harvest Festival.

Their goal is to break the world record of 1,145 feet for pumpkin-tossing.

"This particular machine was designed not just to beat the world record. We want to decimate it," said Wes Frank, team leader.

Frank believes this year's device, officially called a trebuchet, can throw a pumpkin upward of 3,000 feet.

The group created the monster machine after a crudely built one made from several older trees hurled a pumpkin 500 feet at last year's festival.

This year's machine was cut from two 100-foot Douglas firs.

Bargain land questioned

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Police: Girl shot mom

TX DALLAS — A 12-year-old girl upset after being grounded by her mother fatally shot the woman in the face while she slept, police said.

Elvira Marion Walton, 48, was discovered in her bed by her son. The 10-year-old boy called police around 1 a.m.

"Apparently the motive is because the daughter was upset that the mother disciplined her," police Sgt. Gary Kirkpatrick told The Dallas Morning News.

The girl has been charged with murder. Police found a gun in the house, but investigators did not immediately say whether it was the weapon used in the shooting or who owned it.

An older daughter, Thanica Derrick, said her mother had been having trouble with the girl. Walton had six children and lived in a converted garage used as the family home.

Stories and photos from wire services

Horoscope

This is a beautiful commencement day for relationships, establishments, endeavors and projects. Making a resolution with yourself now is extremely lucky, but naming a group mission or a common cause is even more fortunate. The moon in balanced Libra is having a party with Mercury, Mars, Jupiter and the sun.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

(October 13). You might surprise yourself by taking up a cause that stirs you to action and revives your passion. It could be something as huge as taking on global warming or as small as helping an elderly neighbor clean out her garage. Resistant family members will come around once they see how serious you are. Lucky love signs are Cancer and Aquarius.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Someone's laziness does not reflect poorly on you; it merely shines a light on your own weaknesses. Perhaps you're jealous and wish you, too, could live a life of ease. Examine your motivations before blaming.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Prestige is overrated. What does it get you other than a sense of importance and entitlement? The high esteem that others bestow upon you is ephemeral; it can evaporate overnight. Self-respect is better than prestige.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Identify negative thought patterns. Ask yourself: Where did this thought come from? Is it true and provable? Once you realize negative thinking is not fact but a fiction created by your insecurities, you can adjust your worldview.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). A truly happy person is one who can enjoy the scenery on a detour. Life's unexpected twists and turns are what keep things interesting. After all, would you really want everything to go exactly according to plan? Boring!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Control is an illusion. Management is reality. No matter how well you plan your

day, you're always going to have that last-minute e-mail or drop-in visitor to throw you off your day. With a good attitude, you'll still be amazing-ly productive.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). To realize the value of a minute, ask a person who has missed a plane. To realize the value of a second, ask someone who narrowly escaped a serious accident. Every moment of your life has value. Make the most of your moments.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Does your partner balance you out? You know it's true if he or she is still clearly turn on your side even when you both disagree. But if your disagreements turn into unproductive arguments, it's time for a re-alignment.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You may receive some news from a family member who's going through a difficult and confusing time. The information he or she imparts will throw some light on recent strange behavior. Listen, and sympathize.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Sometimes to see the big picture, you need to look at several smaller snapshots. Nowhere is this truer than in examining your life. What did you receive from them today? What did you give? Write down the answers.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Happiness comes through doors you didn't even realize you left open. Seek it, and you probably will not find it. Stop searching, and there it is. It finds you when you're ready for it — and usually when you least expect it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). The longer you complain, the longer it takes until you are healed. So take some real action. Do something to fix the situation. No matter who got you into a mess, you're the best person to get yourself out of it.

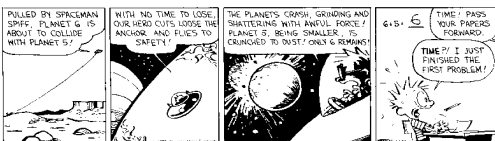
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Some mistakes are too much fun to make only once. Repeat them often enough, and you'll eventually get bored with them, like anything else. There's no getting around growing up — it happens to the best of us.

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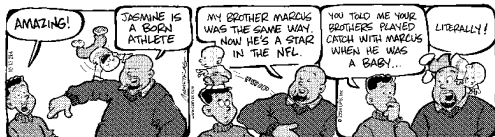
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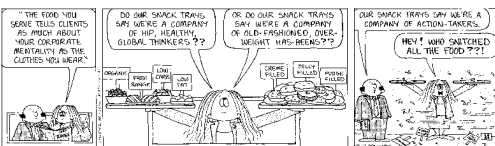
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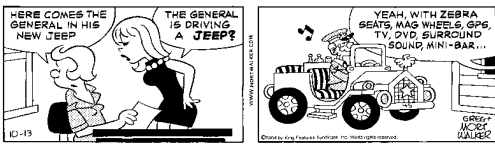
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Red and Rover



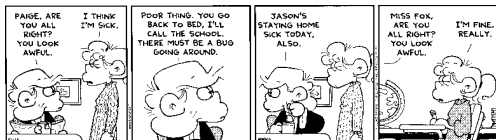
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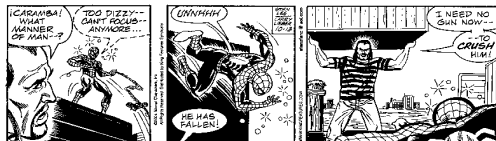
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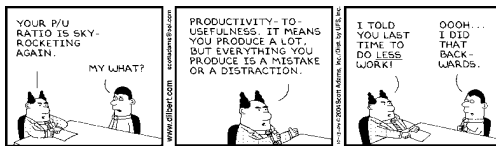
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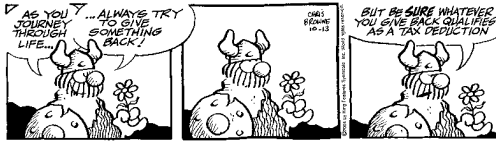
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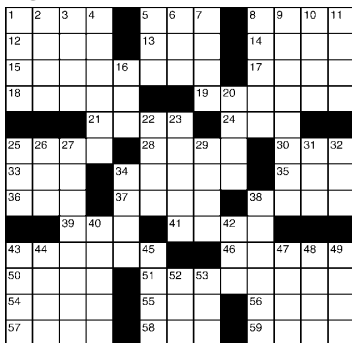
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Across

- 1 Below
- 5 Will Ferrell movie
- 8 Mulligan, e.g.
- 12 Advantage
- 13 Venous Gretchen
- 14 Emanation
- 15 TV
- 17 Wading bird
- 18 Watchful guardian
- 19 Dormant
- 21 Tavern stack
- 24 Kreskin's claim
- 25 Chip in a chip
- 28 Sauce thickener
- 30 The whole shootin' match
- 33 Addressee
- 34 Political affiliation
- 35 Part of NIMBY
- 36 Undergo recession
- 37 Concept
- 38 Venomous vipers
- 39 Fleecce provider
- 41 "Begone!"
- 43 Oscar contenders
- 46 "Silver Streak" star
- 50 Odin's kid
- 51 Centrifuge insert
- 54 Klutz's comment
- 55 rd.
- 56 "I cannot tell..."
- 57 Majority
- 58 Archery-bow wood
- 59 Ptp

Down

- 1 Ms. McEntire
- 2 Aroma
- 3 Eager, and then some
- 4 Scold
- 5 Ostrich's cousin
- 6 High arcing shot
- 7 Dog bane
- 8 Takes to the lake
- 9 Bundt makers' needs
- 10 Ontario neighbor
- 11 Nasty stinger
- 16 Mao —- tung
- 20 Erotic
- 22 Alumnus
- 23 Abrasions
- 25 Seaman's assent
- 26 San Francisco's — Hill
- 27 Sleeveless garments
- 29 Beehive State
- 31 Prune
- 32 USN officers
- 34 Harbor structure
- 38 Heartlines?
- 40 Bottom of the list
- 42 Make up your mind
- 43 Teensy bit
- 44 Train sound
- 45 Command to Rover
- 47 Year-end celebration
- 48 Stage statuette
- 49 Harmonica part
- 52 Leading lady
- 53 Wild a needle

Answer to Previous Puzzle



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CRYPTOQUIP

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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF I CAN PROVE THE
BASEBALL OFFICIAL MADE A BLUNDER, IS
THAT UMPIRICAL EVIDENCE?
Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals S

Child discipline a sticking point

Dear Abby: My boyfriend of four years, "Harold," and I are starting to discuss marriage and starting a family. I am hesitant because of one thing: We have very different views about disciplining children.

My parents never used violence as a form of punishment, and I don't want to use it to discipline my kids. I think that other methods of discipline work just as well, without destroying the bond between parent and child.

When Harold was young, his father would discipline the kids by hitting them with a belt. Harold seemed to be nothing wrong with this.

However, both Harold and his brother have big anger management issues. I love him and would love to spend the rest of my life with him, but this is a major issue for me.

Do you think this marriage would work, and are there any good compromises we could

agree on?

Dear Non-Violent in St. Louis:
Dear Non-Violent: Your boyfriend may believe that he has turned out OK, but the fact that he has anger management problems proves that he didn't. Before any decisions about marriage are made, Harold should get professional help.

Dear Abby



You and Harold should enroll in classes on child development and parenting. Some hospitals, high schools and community colleges offer them. Unless the two of you can reach a firm agreement about this subject, you should NOT marry.

Dear Abby: I am 16 and a junior in high school. My best friend says there may be something wrong with me. When I was younger, I was a hard-core tomboy. I stayed that way until I got to 13.

Finally, in my freshman year of high school, I began to wear makeup on occasion — but this is

day, I have never been interested in dating guys. I mean, I like guys, but I don't care to DATE them. Once a guy I know said he thought I was gay. I'm not. Now my friend is saying I might have a problem.

Abby, do I? Should I date so people won't get the impression I'm gay? Please help.

Not Interested in N. Carolina
Dear Not Interested: No, and it is OK not to be obsessed with boys right now. Not everyone — male or female — matures at the same rate. I have received letters from readers telling me they didn't become sexually interested in a romantic relationship until they were 18 or 19, or even older. You may be a late bloomer.

People are "coming out" much earlier than they used to, and were you attracted to people of the same sex, you would probably know it. If you don't think you're gay, you probably aren't.

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69404, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at: <http://www.ueexpress.com/dearabby>
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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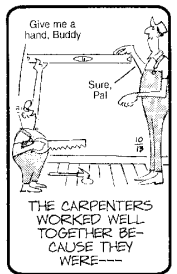
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Yesterday's Jumbles: SYNOD BASIN TRIPLE EXODUS

Answer: What he did at the London casino — LOST "POUNDS"

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginton



Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Infant child a handful at day care

Dear Annie: I recently started a day-care center and took in a 10-month-old girl.

"Macy." Whenever I leave the room, Macy starts crying and follows me. Also, I have a daughter the same age who is well-behaved and kind to other children. Yet any time my daughter goes near Macy, the girl flips out and begins hitting, kicking and screaming. I am wondering if these are signs that Macy has been neglected or abused.

I don't want to stop watching Macy, because she is a sweet child, but at the same time I don't want her to hurt my little girl.

Confused Day-care Provider
Dear Provider: It's common for infants and toddlers to cry when their parents or caregivers leave the room, and to follow them. This does not indicate neglect, but rather that Macy needs time to adjust to her surroundings. Her reaction to your daughter could be due to many

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things: your daughter may be annoying her in ways you do not see, your daughter may remind her of another child whom she dislikes, or she may be jealous of your daughter's closeness to you.

If the hitting and kicking continue beyond the first month, discuss it with the girl's parents, and explain that they will have to make other arrangements for Macy, because your daughter's well-being must come first.

Dear Annie: I belong to a committee in charge of a seniors' club with a large membership. We try to do everything possible to make everyone happy, but it isn't working. Please give us some ideas.

I would say nearly 90 percent of our group joins in on most everything. The vast majority enjoy life by just going and doing — movies, dances, dinners, lunches, any kind of activity. But we also have many people who don't make any effort

to get along. They are constantly blaming others for every little thing. These people never seem to have a nice word about anyone.

Why is it that some people can't try and get along? Why would they rather be miserable? We are sure there must be some way we can bring these people around. We would appreciate your input.

One Who Cares
Dear One Who Cares: You're sweet, but you are fighting an uphill battle. Some people derive great satisfaction in being cruel.

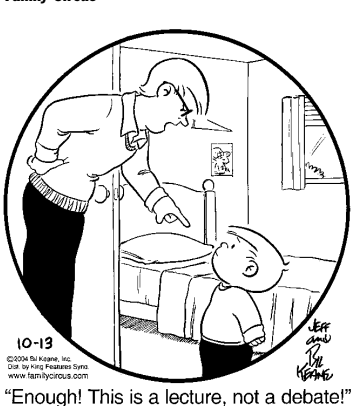
Their negative attitude provokes a great deal of attention and effort, and they enjoy it.

Since 90 percent of your group likes the activities, don't fuss so much over the others. If you plan things that are entertaining, the grouches have the choice of joining in or not.

Ignore the sniping.

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Family Circus

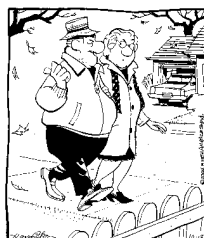


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YOU MAY NOT SEE MUCH IN A SMALL TOWN BUT WHAT YOU HEAR MAKES UP FOR IT

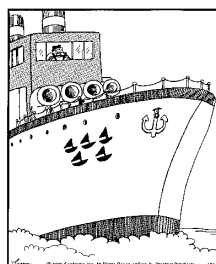
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Dennis the Menace



'DENNIS MAY BE A LITTLE RAY OF SUNSHINE, I ONLY WISH HE WERE 93 MILLION MILES AWAY.'

The Far Side



GARY LARSON

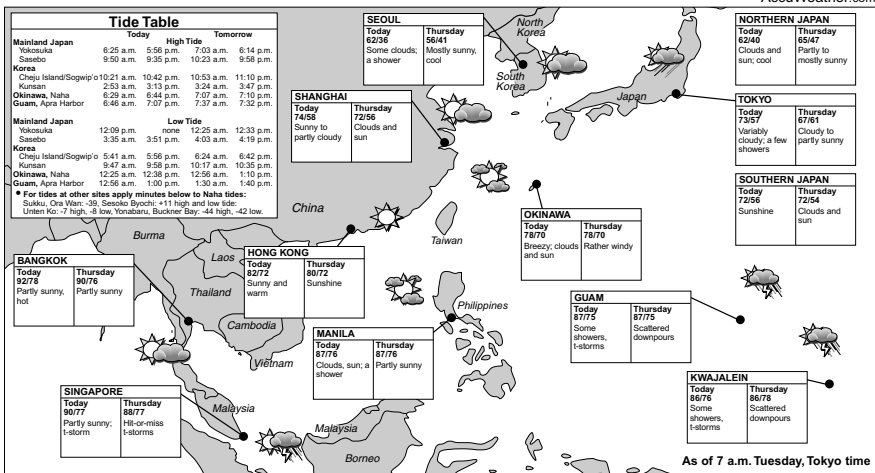
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The Pacific Forecast

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Extended Forecasts

TOKYO

Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 70, low 58.
 Saturday: Partly sunny, high 69, low 57.

KADENA

Friday: Partly sunny, high 76, low 68.
 Saturday: Mostly sunny, high 80, low 68.

SEOUL

Friday: Mostly sunny, high 66, low 46.
 Saturday: Partly sunny, high 67, low 46.

MANILA

Friday: Periods of clouds and sunshine, high 87, low 74.
 Saturday: Showers, high 85, low 74.

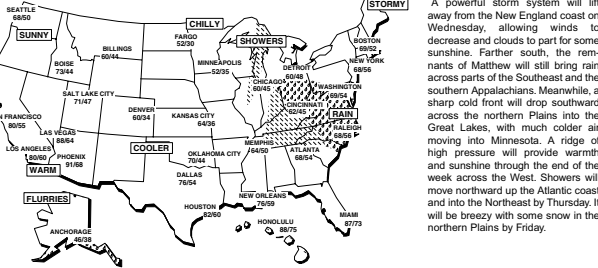
HAGATNA

Friday: Showers, high 89, low 75.
 Saturday: Showers, high 89, low 75.

Monday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	59/44	Los Angeles	76/61
Amarillo	57/44	Little Rock	72/57
Anchorage	46/38	Louisville	75/52
Ashville	73/50	Miami	86/74
Baltimore	64/38	Milwaukee	62/46
Birmingham	76/65	Nashville	72/60
Bismarck	70/42	New York	63/51
Boise	59/41	Omaha	68/43
Boston	63/50	Orlando	81/72
Brownsville	90/67	Philadelphia	65/46
Buffalo	57/40	Phoenix	90/66
Burlington	57/44	Pittsburgh	61/38
Charleston, SC	79/60	Portland, OR	70/50
Charlotte	72/50	Portland, ME	60/48
Cleveland	61/40	Salt Lake City	68/46
Columbus, OH	68/42	St. Louis	72/52
Duluth	67/45	San Antonio	84/60
El Paso	75/50	San Diego	73/60
Hartford	64/44	San Juan	91/76
Helena	64/35	Tampa	83/73
Indianapolis	69/47	Tulsa	58/48
Jacksonville	80/68	Washington	66/46
Kansas City	58/47	Wichita	58/44

Wednesday, October 13



U.S. Extended Forecast

A powerful storm system will lift away from the New England coast on Wednesday, allowing winds to decrease and clouds to part for some sunshine. Farther south, the remnants of Matthew will still bring rain across parts of the Southeast and the northern Appalachians. Meanwhile, a sharp cold front will drop southward across the northern Plains into the Great Lakes, with much colder air moving into Minnesota. A ridge of high pressure will provide warmth and sunshine through the end of the week across the West. Showers will move northward up the Atlantic coast and into the Northeast by Thursday. It will be breezy with some snow in the northern Plains by Friday.

Wednesday's Pacific Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Bangkok	92/78	Wakani	71/55
Beijing	59/43	Kadena AB	78/70
Camp Casey	63/37	Kunsan AB	65/47
Christchurch	72/56	Kwajalein	86/76
Diego Garcia	83/75	Manila	87/76
Hagatna	88/75	Misawa AB	65/43
Hanoi	87/71	Osan	63/39
Hong Kong	82/72	Perth	60/42
Honolulu	88/75	Pusan	69/51

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Sasebo NB	71/57	Sapporo	62/40
Seoul	62/36	Shanghai	74/58
Singapore	90/77	Sydney	97/64
Taegu	68/46	Taipei	79/64
Tokyo	73/57		

Wednesday's World Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Budapest	49/29	Kabul	71/41
Buenos Aires	68/46	Kiev	41/30
Cairo	90/64	Kuwait	106/71
Cancun	86/71	London	53/42
Cape Town	80/59	Madrid	66/46
Geneva	49/41	Mexico City	72/54
Istanbul	55/46	Montreal	62/48
Jerusalem	82/59	Moscow	89/74
Johannesburg	63/45	Stockholm	48/37
		Warsaw	47/34



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China goes after porn Web sites

The Associated Press

BELING—China's police ministry handed out rewards of up to \$240 Sunday to people who reported pornographic Web sites in a campaign to stamp out online smut, the government said.

Some 445 people have been arrested and 1,125 Web sites shut down with the help of public tips since July, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

The ministry handed out rewards of \$60-\$240, Xinhua said, but the number of people who received them was not reported.

China encourages Internet use for education and business but tries to block access to sites deemed pornographic.

The online crackdown is part of a sweeping official morality campaign launched this year on orders from communist leaders.

Television stations, video-game makers and other suppliers of popular culture have been ordered to reduce or eliminate violent or sexually oriented content.



Gamers set up computers to play "Counter Strike" at the World Cyber Games in San Francisco last week. The game competition, with more than 600 participants from 62 countries, ended Sunday.

U.S. gamers score gold

Team takes home \$50,000 for video game prowess

BY RON HARRIS

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO—Amid fanfare fit for actual world-class athletes, five Americans with really quick fingers took home the gold medal in the popular "Counter Strike" competition of the World Cyber Games championships, capping five days of intense gaming by the world's elite players.

Team3D defeated the Titans of Denmark on Sunday in the counter-terrorism-themed PC game, where operatives stake out ramshackle buildings with high-powered sniper rifles and other weapons to take out their foes.

Team3D consists of Salvatore Garozzo, Johnny Quach, Dave Geffon, Ronald Kim and Kyle Miller. The squad also took home \$50,000 for their video game prowess. If they plan to pop a bottle of celebratory champagne, only Geffon is old enough to take a legal sip, as his teammates are all under 21.

Many players of online PC games know each other only through nicknames, e-mails

and game contests where they never actually meet.

"It really is a great opportunity to meet people from across the world," Geffon said after grabbing the gold.

Organizers said about 30,000 people attended the World Cyber Games championships and outdoor festivities over five days.

The event's organizers said the final match was watched by an enthusiastic crowd, affirming what others in Europe and Asia have known for years: Top-tier video game playing can become a viable spectator sport when the stakes are high.

Dave Geffon
winning gamer

Winners at this year's event, which took over the streets near San Francisco City Hall, took home a combined \$400,000, according to organizers. The video game industry rakes in \$10 billion annually in the United States alone.

This was the first time in its four-year history that the World Cyber Games has been held outside of South Korea. The event is primarily the brain child of marketing whiz Hank Jeong, backed by the financial muscle of Samsung.

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Commissary agency marks 13 years of service, 137 years of history

by Dr. Peter Skirbunt, DeCA historian
peterskirbunt@deca.mil

FORT LEE, Va.—To commissary customers, 13 is a lucky number. Thirteen years ago, in order to improve efficiency and increase taxpayer savings, Congress and the Department of Defense created the Defense Commissary Agency by consolidating the military services' retail grocery operations into one organization. Today, the agency, popularly known as DeCA, continues to save taxpayer dollars while preserving a vital military benefit that is important to the recruiting and retention of military personnel.

While Oct. 1 marks the agency's 13th anniversary, the commissary benefit itself is actually 137 years old. Congress authorized the Army to sell food items, at cost, to officers and enlisted men beginning July 1, 1867. These sales were authorized at every Army post with a subsistence warehouse. Sales areas consisted of simply a table or counter in the warehouse, and sales were limited to an official stock list of 82 items, but this was the start of the modern commissary benefit.

In the last 13 years, customer savings have increased, store facilities have been upgraded, and more people became eligible to enjoy the benefit. In 1991, commissaries provided an average customer savings of 20 percent when compared with local grocery chains; today, the average savings is over 30 percent. During those same 13 years, to provide military families with a shopping experience comparably pleasant with stores in the civilian sector, the agency opened 86 new stores, remodeled or made major renovations on 53 existing stores, and upgraded and modernized over a hundred more. The number of items stocked by commissaries has also increased, from about 13,000 in the largest stores in 1991 to 17,000 in the big stores today. More recently, National Guard and Reserve personnel, always key components of the military, have been given full-time commissary benefits.

Commissaries provide a substantial savings, they enable military families to make ends meet in areas where the cost of living is high, and they bring a morale-building "taste of home" feeling by providing familiar American food products in overseas locations. They are highly valued by service families and are a major incentive to re-enlistment. Patrick Nixon, DeCA's chief executive officer, says commissaries have become increasingly important since the events of Sept. 11, 2001. "There is now recognition of how the commissary benefit helps our people in uniform, wherever they are stationed. When forces deploy, the families left behind depend upon their local community services, including the commissaries, to see them through tough, nervous, lonely times."

With 13 years of experience and 137 years of heritage behind it, the Defense Commissary Agency is ready to continue providing this highly valued military benefit for years to come.

DeCA supports voter registration drive

Store directors at nearly all of the agency's 273 commissaries have been working with local voter assistance officers to increase awareness of voter registration and absentee voting, as well as reminding service members and their families to vote. Commissaries are also making space available for voter information and registration tables. The DeCA effort intensifies during Absentee Voters Week Oct. 11-15, and continues throughout the month of October, when all citizens under the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) are encouraged to register to vote, or request an absentee ballot. DeCA also has a link to the Federal Voting Assistance Program Web site on its home page: www.commissaries.com. This site is packed with helpful information on topics such as absentee voting, individual state registration requirements and how to apply for an absentee ballot.

Internet coupons stretch customer savings

DeCA is making it easier to access grocery coupons by making Internet coupon links available under a new section at the top of the links page at www.commissaries.com. Major military coupon media as well as commercial Internet coupon Web sites and coupons by mail are now available to customers with the click of a mouse. One of the new coupon sites offers download instructions in both English and Spanish; another link offers military customers living off installations the opportunity to sign up for coupons by mail. All 273 commissaries worldwide are now accepting computer-generated Internet coupons that meet the following criteria: They must have a bar code that store checkouts can scan and they cannot be for free product. Photocopied or facsimile-generated coupons are not accepted.

Commissary tours result in more than just savings

The annual Commissary Awareness Month (CAM) tours in May resulted in a record level of participation from 82 single service member programs and First Term Airmen Centers worldwide. The Consumer Awareness Team, an industry-funded awareness group, supports the tours with commissary gift certificates, but participating programs also have the opportunity to win "bonus bucks" for their programs. Programs use the industry donation to purchase needed equipment or fund activities. In the 2004 CAM bonus bucks competition, the Army Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers program (BOSS) at Fort Eustis, Va., won first place while Fort Lewis, Wash., and Fort Bragg, N.C., tied for second place. The Navy Liberty pro-

gram winner is Naval Air Station Jacksonville, Fla.; second place went to the Naval Submarine Base New London, Conn. Liberty program. The Single Marine program winner at Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, Calif., finished first for the Marines; second place went to the program at MCAS New River, N.C. Air Force First Term Airmen centers participated for the first time in 2004 and centers at Eglin, Air Force Base, Fla., and Peterson Air Force Base, Colo., tied for first place under the sponsorship of their respective family support centers. First place is worth \$750 to single service programs and second place is worth \$250. First place ties each receive \$500. The Consumer Awareness Team judges the entries based on originality, presentation quality and participation in CAM tours.

Hansen new consumer advocate

Robert Hansen, former deputy secretary of the United States Armed Forces Posters Program, Arlington, Va., is the commissary agency's new consumer advocate program manager. Hansen is responsible for improving communications between commissary customers and DeCA officials, and serves as the agency's principal liaison with DeCA's Patron Council and other military quality-of-life stakeholders. An important part of Hansen's new job is bringing the customer's point of view to management policy and decision making. Hansen can be reached by e-mail at robert.hansgen@deca.mil.

DeCA marks 13 years of service

Thirteen years ago — on Oct. 1, 1991 — Congress and the Department of Defense consolidated the military services' retail grocery operations into one organization to improve efficiency and increase taxpayer savings. That was the beginning of the Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA). Since then the agency has increased average customer savings from 20 to 30 percent, opened 86 new stores, remodeled or renovated 53 stores while upgrading and modernizing over a hundred more, increased the number of items stocked by commissaries (from about 13,000 to 17,000 in the largest stores), and extended the benefit to members of the National Guard and Reserve. Commissaries provide a substantial savings on groceries, enabling military families to make ends meet in areas where the cost of living is high. They bring a morale-building "taste of home" to overseas locations by stocking familiar American food products, are highly valued by service families, and are a major incentive to reenlistment. DeCA continually strives to improve this valued benefit.



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AFN-Korea Thunder, 4 a.m. — Baseball: National League Championship Series, Houston or Atlanta vs. St. Louis Cardinals.
AFN-Korea Thunder, 4 a.m. — NBA: Minnesota Timberwolves vs. Seattle, Game 3.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m. — College football: Stanford vs. Notre Dame (radio).

Thursday
AFN-Sports, 2:30 a.m. — College football: Purdue vs. Penn State.
AFN-Korea, 3 a.m. — Baseball: National League Championship Series, Houston or Atlanta vs. St. Louis Cardinals.
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m. — Soccer: Panama vs. Taiwan (USA, D).
AFN-Sports, 4:30 a.m. — NBA: preseason: Sacramento vs. Houston (radio).

College football

AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in the Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, through Oct. 12. Total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote and one point for each additional vote.

	Record	Pts
1. Southern Cal (41)	9-1	1601
2. Ohio State	10-0	1585
3. Miami	4-0	1464
4. Texas	10-0	1419
5. Purdue	10-0	1241
6. Texas Tech	10-0	1119
7. Florida St.	4-1	1188
8. Michigan	9-1	1100
9. Utah	10-0	1059
10. Texas A&M	9-0	979
11. Tennessee	10-0	913
12. Arizona	4-1	947
13. Virginia Tech	10-0	898
14. Arizona St.	6-3	831
15. Illinois	9-1	809
16. West Virginia	4-1	574
17. Louisville	9-1	569
18. Minnesota	5-2	482
19. LSU	4-2	450
20. Iowa	1-1	413
21. Texas Tech	2-2	342
22. Iowa St.	1-1	306
23. Southern Miss	9-0	290
24. Southern Illinois	9-0	280

Others receiving votes: Missouri 62, Virginia Tech 30, Navy 24, Texas Tech 18, Notre Dame 13, Boston College 10, Maryland 8, Illinois 6, Wyoming 1.

USA Today/ESPN Top 25

The Top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Oct. 12, based on 25 points for a first-place vote and one point for each additional vote.

	Record	Pts
1. Southern California (45)	9-1	1509
2. Alabama (15)	10-0	1398
3. Miami (1)	4-0	1366
4. Texas	10-0	1356
5. Purdue	10-0	1160
6. Virginia Tech	10-0	1142
7. Florida State	4-1	978
8. Georgia	10-0	942
9. Utah	10-0	931
10. Texas	10-0	911
11. Wisconsin	10-0	881
12. Michigan	9-1	872
13. Tennessee	10-0	732
14. Oklahoma State	10-0	702
15. West Virginia	4-1	530
16. Louisville	9-1	509
17. Boise State	9-0	498
18. Arizona	6-3	470
19. Minnesota	5-1	423
20. Texas Tech	2-2	399
21. Florida	1-1	355
22. Louisiana State	1-1	355
23. Mississippi	9-1	355

Others receiving votes: Virginia Tech 116, Texas Tech 104, UCLA 44, Washington State 36, Boston College 30, North Carolina 24, Wake Forest 20, Texas A&M 19, Florida St. 17, Memphis 6, Alabama 5, Southern Illinois 5, Bowling Green 4, Fresno State 4, Stanford 3, Arkansas 3, Colorado 3, Wyoming 3, Arizona 2, Alabama Birmingham 1, Wyoming 1.

Japan baseball

Central League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Chunichi	75	2	.973	0.0
Yakult	71	63	.527	3.0
Yomiuri	66	68	.493	13.0
Hanshin	66	62	.516	13.0
DeNA	60	72	.455	19.0
Yokohama	56	73	.432	21.0

Monday's games: Chunichi 10, Yokohama 2; Hanshin 7, Yakult 3.

Pacific League

	W	L	Pct.	GB
X-Dai	77	2	.973	0.0
X-Sibu	74	8	.901	4.0
Chiba Lotte	69	33	.678	11.0
Yokoyama	65	35	.650	12.0
Yomiuri	65	35	.650	12.0
Orix	49	52	.484	23.0

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Auto racing

Banquet 400
NASCAR Nextel Cup Series
Sunday
Kansas City, Kan.
Start position (in parentheses)
1. (1) Jeff Gordon, Chevrolet, 267, 57.0.
2. (2) Ricky Rudd, Ford, 267, 57.0.
3. (3) Jimmie Johnson, Chevrolet, 259, 56.0.
4. (4) Elliott Stryker, Ford, 267, 57.0.
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Michigan Championship

Sunday
Las Vegas
Played on three courses
TPC at Sawdust, 7:30 a.m. Par 71
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Pro basketball

NBA preseason

Houston 85, Miami 75
Golden State 97, Sacramento 79

Baseball

Time of race 3 hours, 7 minutes, 39 seconds.

Margin of victory: 0.81 seconds.

Winner's average speed: 128.08 mph.

Losses: 24 among 12 drivers.

Championship: 19 for 39 laps.

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Stolz plays like a vet in Las Vegas victory

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Andre Stolz came to Las Vegas looking to build some confidence in his game that he could take to qualifying school. He left holding a \$720,000 check and a two-year exemption on the PGA tour.

Stolz guaranteed his near future with an improbable victory Sunday in the Michelin Championship at Las Vegas, holding off Tom Lehman and two others by a shot for his first tour win.

"The money is fantastic and I'd be lying to you if I said it wasn't," Stolz said. "But I think it's the personal satisfaction deep down. This is like a thank you to yourself for all the hard work."

Stolz began the week 217th on the money list with earnings in his rookie year of \$88,373, and with few prospects of being able to get into the final few tournaments of the year with his limited exemption status.

He was almost certainly going to have to go to Q-school unless he won. And the odds of that didn't look good for a player who more often than not didn't even make it to the weekend all season long.

But Stolz had a feeling this might be his lucky day as he took his wife to the airport Saturday night for a trip home to Australia. "I told my wife that I feel like I'm going to win tomorrow," he said. "I said 'I'm going to win and hop on a plane tonight and meet you there.'"

Stolz began the day a stroke off Lehman's lead, then didn't make a bogey in a final round of 67 that put him at 21 under for the tournament. He caught Lehman on the front nine, then played steadily on the back, making six straight birdies before dropping a 10-footer for birdie on the 16th hole

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that provided the eventual winning margin.

Only he didn't know he had won.

Stolz watched as his caddie took the flag out of the 18th hole, thinking he was tied with Lehman and would be going to a playoff.

"I said 'What are you doing, we've still got a playoff,'" Stolz said. "He said, 'No, we've won.'"

Forgive Stolz if he was a little confused. After all, he hadn't had much experience playing on weekends this year, much less winning.

Stolz made a crucial birdie putt on the 16th hole, then parred the last two holes. He thought it was good enough for a tie with Lehman, but Lehman was actually a stroke behind with Tag Ridings and Harrison Franz.

That was why Stolz showed little emotion when he rammed in a final 3-footer for a par he thought only got him in a playoff.

"I thought I had more work to do," he said.

Ridings, who tied the course record with a final-round 61, tied for second along with Lehman (69) and Harrison Franz (67).

Stolz, who won on the Nationwide Tour last year and has won in Australia, moved his family to Florida this year to play the PGA Tour full time. He didn't have much success, with a tie for 34th in New Orleans his best finish before Sunday, but still believed he could win.

"With winning, it doesn't matter where you are," he said. "It's the same job."

Lehman, who was paired with the 34-year-old winner, said Stolz's experience helped him keep his calm in the final round.



Andre Stolz of Australia blasts out of a sand trap on the second hole during Sunday's final round of the Michelin Championship in Las Vegas. The PGA Tour rookie won by one shot.

Nelson wins in playoff

SPRING, Texas — Larry Nelson rallied from far off the lead and made a 5-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole to beat Hale Irwin and win the Administrators Small Business Classic.

Nelson, who started the final round seven shots back, closed with an 8-under 64 and tied Irwin (67) at 14-under 202, winning his second senior event of the year and 19th overall.

Peter Jacobson just missed getting into the playoff. The U.S. Senior Open champion made bogey at the 18th after driving into the water. He finished with a 67 and tied second-round leader Wayne Lee (62) at 203. Morris Hatakeyama (68), Jim Dent (69) and Jim Thorpe (69) finished at 205.

Two die in accident at home of Yankees pitcher

The Associated Press

PUERTO RICO, Panama — New York Yankees reliever Mariano Rivera flew home to comfort relatives Monday after two family members were electrocuted in his pool. The players' agent said Rivera planned to be back in New York when the Yankees open their playoff series with the Boston Red Sox.

"I have to comply with my family obligations, and I will return to New York on Tuesday," he told the newspaper La Prensa upon arriving in Panama late Sunday.

Rivera learned of the deaths while celebrating with his teammates in the clubhouse after the Yankees beat the Minnesota Twins 6-5 on Saturday to reach

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the AL championship series, with Rivera getting the victory.

Victor Dario Avila, a cousin of Rivera's wife, Clara, was killed along with his 14-year-old son on Saturday while cleaning the pool at the pitcher's home in his fishing town 40 miles west of Panama City, police and relatives said.

Rivera's cousin, Irma Rivera, told The Associated Press that the teenager, also named Victor Dario Avila, apparently touched an electrical wire while tending to the pool and his father died trying to save him.

Henin-Hardenne ends season

BRUSSELS, Belgium — Olympic champion Justine Henin-Hardenne ended her season Monday, saying she was exhausted after two years of relentless effort to become the WTA Tour's top-ranked player.

She said an energy-sapping virus that has weakened her since April was a symptom of a more general malaise caused by a pursuit of titles and the top ranking.

"The last two years, I made a lot of effort to get where I am

now, to become the No. 1, to win Grand Slams and the Olympics," she said on her Web site. "It's very logical and understandable that I'm this tired. It's high time I get some rest now."

She added: "The will is still there," she said, adding she hopes a good start next season will return her to the top ranking.

Another former No. 1 player, Belgian countrywoman Kim Clijsters, also has ended her season. Clijsters injured her left wrist about two weeks ago and will rest for at least six weeks.

Australia skips tourney

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — Olympic field hockey champion Australia pulled out of a December tournament in Pakistan because of security fears.

The decision Monday came after a suicide bombing at a mosque killed four people in Lahore, where the Champions Trophy will be held Dec. 4-12. The attack was the third this month against a religious target in eastern Punjab province in violence between Shiite and Sunni Muslims.

"[Australia] has pulled out despite the fact that we have given the security assurances of all the participating teams," Musarratul-

lah Khan, secretary of the Pakistan Hockey Federation, told The Associated Press.

Traditionally, the top six countries in the Olympics take part in the Champions Trophy. The Netherlands, Germany, Spain and New Zealand have confirmed they will participate, Khan said. India, seventh in the Athens Games, will replace Australia.

Injured Mauresmo withdraws

MOSCOW — Top-ranked Andrei Mauresmo of France withdrew from the Kremlin Cup on Monday, a day after a thigh injury forced her to quit during a final in Germany against No. 2 Lindsay Davenport.

Davenport trails the Frenchwoman by 15 points in the WTA Tour rankings. Davenport has a first-round bye in Moscow and a second-round victory would push her to No. 1 next week.

Mauresmo aggravated a thigh injury Sunday in the Porsche Grand Prix. Davenport won the first set 6-2 before Mauresmo stopped because of a heavily taped left leg hampered her movement.

In a men's match in the Kremlin Cup, top-seeded Marat Safin survived two match points to beat Max Mirnyi of Belarus 6-7 (10-8), 7-6 (7-2), 7-6 (7-1) to reach the

second round. Safin saved two match points in the 10th game of the final set, avoiding a fifth first-round exit in nine appearances in the Moscow event.

Earlier, Safin's Davis Cup teammate, Igor Kunitsyn, beat sixth-seeded Tomas Berdych of the Czech Republic 6-3, 6-4, second-seeded Joachim Johansson of Sweden downed Jan Hernych of the Czech Republic 6-4, 6-2, and Sargis Sargsian of Armenia topped Teimuraz Gabashvili of Russia 6-2, 6-1.

In the women's first round, Vera Douchkova of Russia rallied past Austrian wild card Julianne Kneize 6-2, 6-4 Monday on the first day of the ATP Cup.

In other matches, Feliciano Lopez of Spain beat Argentina's Agustín Calleri 1-6, 7-5, 6-3; American Robby Ginepri advanced with a 4-6, 7-6 (7-4), 6-4 victory over Italy's Potto Starace; and Rik de Voest of South Africa ousted Seeb Janko Tipsarevic 6-3, 6-4.

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Ken Caminiti, 1996 NL MVP, dies at age 41

Gritty third baseman's career tarnished by steroids, drug use

BY BEN WALKER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — On the field, Ken Caminiti's all-out style scared him well off the field is where it got him in trouble.

The 1996 National League MVP, who later admitted using steroids during his major league career, died Sunday. He was 41. Caminiti died of a heart attack in the Bronx, his agent-lawyer, Rick Licht, said. The city medical examiner's office said an autopsy would be performed Monday, spokeswoman Ellen Borokov said.

"What we all loved about Cammy was his devotion to the game and his desire for the game. But it went into uncontrollable levels with no discipline," said one of his former coaches, Houston manager Phil Garner.

Caminiti's 15-year big league career ended in 2001, five seasons after he led the San Diego Padres to a division title and was a unanimous pick for MVP. But the

three-time All-Star third baseman often was in trouble the last few years.

Just last Tuesday, he admitted in a Houston court that he violated his probation by testing positive for cocaine last month, and was sentenced to 180 days in jail.

State District Judge William Harmon gave Caminiti credit for the 189 days he already served in jail and a treatment facility and he was sentenced to three years probation for a cocaine arrest in March 2001.

"This is the largest mistake I've made in my life," Caminiti said when he pleaded guilty in March 2002. "I had a real good thing going for me and I got sidetracked. It doesn't have to be that way. It doesn't have to be drugs. It doesn't have to be alcohol. That part of my life is over."

In May 2002, Caminiti told Sports Illustrated that he used steroids during his MVP season, when he hit a career-high .326 with 40 home runs and 130 RBIs.

He estimated half the players in the big leagues were also using them.

Licht said Caminiti hoped to get back into the game, possibly in a position that would allow him to mentor younger players about avoiding the mistakes he made.

"I'm still in shock," Padres General Manager Kevin Towers said. "He was one of my favorite all-time players."

Caminiti did return to baseball this year, as a spring training instructor with San Diego.

"He didn't look good," Towers said. "The best way to describe him is that he was a warrior in every sense of the word. I can't tell you how many times I remember him hobbling into the manager's office, barely able to walk, and saying, 'Put me in the lineup.'"

Licht said Caminiti was in New York this past weekend to help a friend, but did not go to detail.

"Man, that's just a tough one. I played with him for eight years," Los Angeles Dodgers outfielder

Steve Finley said Sunday night upon learning of Caminiti's death after St. Louis eliminated Los Angeles from the playoffs.

"He was a great player, but he got mixed up in the wrong things—taking drugs. It's a sad reminder of how bad drugs are and what they can do to your body. It's a loss all of us will feel."

Caminiti batted .272 with 239 homers and 983 RBIs for Houston, San Diego, Texas and Atlanta.

His defining moment during his MVP season came on Aug. 18, 1996, in the oppressive heat of Monterrey, Mexico, as the Padres prepared to face the New York Mets in the finale of the first regular-season series played outside the United States and Canada.

Battling dehydration and an upset stomach, Caminiti took two liters of intravenous fluid, then hit two homers and drove in four runs in an 8-0 victory.

"Becky and I are grief stricken at the premature death of one of the bravest athletes that we have

Ken Caminiti

known," Padres owner John Moores said. "We admired Ken tremendously and remained optimistic that he would conquer the personal challenges that he was dealing with."

Caminiti teamed with Tony Gwynn and Greg Vaughn in the middle of the Padres' 1998 lineup, leading them to the World Series, where they were swept by the New York Yankees.

Associated Press sports writers Bernie Wilson and Joel Anderson contributed to this story.

Inevitable matchup just what Yankees, Red Sox wanted

BY RONALD BLUM
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — From the instant Aaron Boone's home run cleared the left-field foul ball last October, the New York Yankees and Boston Red Sox have been building to this.

The tug-of-war over Alex Rodriguez, the sniping between owners, the fight on the field and the posturing off it. If not inevitable, a rematch seemed fated.

And come Tuesday night, the players, the fans and the sponsors get what they want: New York and Boston, fighting for the AL pennant again.

"Clash of the titans for the pennant," Boone said Sunday. "I think a lot of people wanted to see this. I'm looking forward to following it."

The rivalry brings out the best and worst, on the field and off, leaving baseball's biggest spenders fixated on each other above all else. That's why Pedro Martinez proclaimed after losing to New York last month: "Call the Yankees my daddy. I can't find a way to beat them at this point."

Unless they were in the same ballpark, games were only preludes or postscripts this year. New York's 3-1 victory over the Twins in the opening round of the playoffs merely a tease, Boston's three-game sweep of the Anaheim Angels an appetizer before the meat of the main course.

In the long run, Derek Jeter's flying drive into the stands to grab Trot Nixon's pop on July 1 and Nomar Garciaparra's no-show that night will be remembered far longer than either first-round series. The world-wide were thrilled. They've never had such great p.r., Boston General Manager Theo Epstein said, playing off his players' nickname for themselves. "Now that it's here, we can admit that if we're going to win a World Series and go through New York along the way, it will mean that much more."

Last fall's seven-game classic reached its fiercest point in Game 3, when Martinez

ALCS: Who's hot, who's not

The N.Y. Yankees' most productive and least productive hitters in their 3-1 series victory over the Minnesota Twins:

Hot

	Avg.	HR	RBI	OBP
3B Alex Rodriguez	.421	1	3	.476
LF Hideki Matsui	.412	1	3	.476
SS Derek Jeter	.316	1	4	.350

Not

	Avg.	HR	RBI	OBP
2B Miguel Cairo	.214	0	1	.313
C Jorge Posada	.222	0	0	.222
DH Ruben Sierra	.167	1	0	.286



The Boston Red Sox's most productive and least productive hitters in their 3-0 series victory over the Anaheim Angels:

Hot

	Avg.	HR	RBI	OBP
DH David Ortiz	.545	1	4	.688
CF Johnny Damon	.467	0	0	.500
LF Manny Ramirez	.375	1	7	.385

Not

	Avg.	HR	RBI	OBP
C Jason Varitek	.167	1	2	.333
SS Orlando Cabrera	.154	0	0	.267
2B Mark Bellhorn	.091	0	0	.375



ALCS Game 1: Boston (Schilling 21-6) at New York (Mussina 12-9) 9 a.m. Wednesday (Japan/Korea time), APN-Sports

shoved Yankees coach Don Zimmer to the ground and New York relievers brawled in the bullpen with a groundskeeper.

Then came Boston's 11th-inning, Game 7 homer off Tim Wakefield, a drive replayed in New York more often than any sitcom. Boston, which watched Martinez waste a 4-0 lead in the fourth inning of the final game and a 5-2 advantage in the eighth, fired manager Grady Little and replaced him with Terry Francona.

Red Sox fans could only take solace that the Yankees were so spent they lost 4-2 to Florida in the World Series.

Even this year, the Yankees got so juiced up during a three-game sweep of Boston at midseason that they staggered into Shea

Stadium and lost three straight to the cross-town Mets.

Since last fall, Boston added pitchers Curt Schilling and Keith Foulke, then jettisoned Garciaparra at the trade deadline.

New York brought in A-Rod, Gary Sheffield and Kevin Brown, among others. Rodriguez has been at the center. The first spring training meeting of the teams after the AL MVP was traded from Texas to New York was hyped to an absurd level.

There were commemorative pins and "Evil Empire" T-shirts being sold that afternoon at the City of Palms Park.

When A-Rod went 1-for-17 in a four-game series at Fenway Park, New York fans questioned his fortitude. The

Red Sox started 6-1 against the Yankees for the first time since 1913.

But that was April. In Boston and New York, the important number is 1918 — the last year the Red Sox won the World Series. Boston sold Babe Ruth to the Yankees a year later, and since then New York has 26 World Series titles to zero for Boston.

In July, with the Yankees en route to their seventh straight AL East title, Rodriguez was in the middle of the latest New York-Boston brawl, sparked when A-Rod was hit by Bronson Arroyo's pitch and then cursed at Boston catcher Jason Varitek, who responded by shoving him in the face. "It just shows you how much both teams were typed up," Rodriguez said. "You can't really control your emotions."

When A-Rod was dealt to New York in February, Boston owner John Henry said the trade showed baseball needed a salary cap. Yankees owner George Steinbrenner called it "sour grapes" and said Henry resembled the Scarecrow in "The Wizard of Oz." Then, Steinbrenner disparaged Red Sox President Larry Lucchino in Sports Illustrated, saying: "I have nothing against him except I wouldn't want him in my foxhole... He's not my kind of guy. Not a good man."

No wonder the players get so fired up.

Last year, New York took 10 of 19 regular-season games, then won the series for the pennant. Boston went 11-8 against the Yankees this season by pounding New York's struggling starting pitching, leaving the Red Sox ahead 23-22 the last two years.

"It's one of the most intense series that you could ever put your finger on. I know I'll be keeping an eye on it," said Jeff Weaver, who played for the Yankees last year and is now with the Los Angeles Dodgers. "I'm sure there will be some instant classics on ESPN shortly."

Boone, whose offseason knee injury prompted the Yankees to acquire Rodriguez, will watch the series from afar. Having been in the center of the rivalry, his allegiance is clear.

"I've got to go with the Yankees," he said. "I'm sure it will be back and forth. It should be great."

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Dodgers pay commitment to Cards

St. Louis rewarded with handshakes after denying L.A. a spot in the NLCS

That was indeed a handshake line you saw moments after the St. Louis Cardinals beat the Dodgers in Los Angeles, three games to one, to settle the bracket for the National League championship series.

Just not get used to it. Respect is hard to come by in baseball around playoff time. The last time anybody can remember two teams shaking hands at the end of a playoff series was 1991, after the closest World Series ever, and you definitely won't see the Yankees-Red Sox series end that way in a week or so. Then again, few teams merit respect the way the Cardinals do.

Their opening-day payroll of \$75.6 million ranked 11th out of 30 major-league teams, but nobody got more professionalism for the buck. The Cards' lineup is loaded top to bottom with patient, lethal hitters, their pitchers control every inch of the plate, and they put out a Gold Glove at just about every position. The guy who calls the shots day-to-day, Tony LaRussa, is a lawyer by training, once known as the "Thinking Man's Manager" and "Baseball's Answer Man" because he was using computers long before they fit on a lap. They even celebrate with restraint.

So maybe it was a coincidence that Dodgers manager Jim Tracy described the rare handshakes exchange Sunday night as, "a professional show of class between two very class organizations."

"To play this series the way it was played with the intensity it was played," Tracy added, "it said a lot."

It would have said just as much, however, if the Dodgers carried a white flag out onto the field with them. That's how soundly the Cardinals handled Los Angeles throughout. Their

only hiccup came in Game 4, when Los Angeles starter Jose Lima threw a complete-game shutout by nibbling at the corners, and the St. Louis hitters uncharacteristically obliged by biting at too many bad pitches.

That trend ended early in the clinching game. Albert Pujols, who had only one RBI in the series up to that point, climbed out of an 0-2 hole against Odalis Perez and drew a walk in the first inning.

Then Scott Rolen, who was hitless in the NLDS, wrangled another walk after Perez just missed with balls three and four.

Their patience wasn't rewarded immediately, but all the walks eventually wore Perez down. Then, in the fourth, Pujols maneuvered reliever Wilson Alvarez into a 3-1 count and smacked the next pitch into the left-field seats for a three-run homer that sealed the Dodgers' fate.

"Albert is a tremendous player, he does amazing things out there," said St. Louis starter and winner Jeff Suppan, who is a pretty good story himself. "With him and everyone else, it's the best team I've been on."

On paper, the Yankees and Red Sox both on a little better — and much flashier — but not necessarily smarter. They spent more at the start of the season — Boston by \$50 million and New York by more than \$100 million — they keep slush funds for mid-season reinforcements — and will have enough left over to bury their mistakes. That lavish lifestyle won't fly in St. Louis.

General manager Walt Jocketty makes up some of the deficit simply by being shrewd. In his first season, he fired Joe Torre, who went on to become the best manager in baseball, but replaced him with LaRussa, the only guy who might be the equivalent of two years later, he stole Mark McGwire from Oakland for three guys that even the die-hard fans in St. Louis couldn't pick out of a police lineup.

Jocketty needed only one look at Pujols in the Triple-A league to know that the youngster who'd spent most of the season playing in Class A was ready for the bigs. In the



Managers Jim Tracy of Los Angeles and Tony LaRussa of St. Louis exchange greetings at the end of their teams' NL playoff series.

four years since, Pujols has produced numbers that only Joe DiMaggio and Ted Williams bettered at the same stage of their careers. The scary thing is that Pujols had just as much competition from teammates Rolen and Jim Edmonds for MVP honors as he did from the rest of the league.

As a result, St. Louis won a major league-leading 105 games and its first playoff series with very little fuss. It's an old-school team, assembled the old-fashioned way, versatile and intelligent enough to play small ball, long ball or any kind of ball the situation demands. That's what the Dodgers recognized, for at least this one night, by extending their hands in defeat.

With a few more arms in the rotation and Rolen, among others, dealing with knocks, the Cardinals may not have it as easy against the winner of the Houston-Atlanta draw, and whoever emerges from the AL side of the bracket. But St. Louis didn't.

"They," he said, with typical understatement, "have a lot of weapons."

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Cardinals: L.A. exits with 'nice touch' of class

CARDINALS, FROM BACK PAGE

It did happen after Minnesota's 1-0, 10-inning World Series — one of the most exciting post-season matchups in baseball history.

That's what it was a professional show of class between two very class organizations," of Dodgers manager Jim Tracy said. "To play this series the way it was played with the intensity it was played, it said a lot."

The Cardinals, a major league-best 105-57 during the regular season, are trying to become the first team with the top regular-season record to win the World Series since the 1928 New York Yankees.

"They're probably going to win the World Series," Dodgers coach Eric Gagne said. "We got beat by the world champions."

Pujols had two hits, a walk and four RBIs. He went 5-for-15 with two homers in the series.

"Albert is a tremendous player, he does amazing things out there," Suppan said. "With him and everyone else, it's the best team I've been on."

The teams went tied 2-2 entering the fourth. Pujols came to the plate with runners at first and second and two outs against reliever Wilson Alvarez.

With the struggling Scott Rolen on deck, Alvarez grooved a 3-1 fastball. Pujols connected, and as his towering fly ball sailed just over left fielder Jayson Werth into the lower left-field

stands, the raucous crowd of 26,268 — largest in Dodger Stadium history — went wild.

Rolen, 4-for-12 in the series, grounded out following Pujols' homer.

The Dodgers had only two baserunners after that. Cesar Izurieta hit a one-out infield single off Julian Tavarez in the eighth and Milton Bradley walked against Irsinghausen with two outs in the ninth.

"It's very difficult to win a baseball game with two runs and three hits," Tracy said. "It's hard to do, especially when they're playing a team like that."

The Cardinals, who led the NL with a .278 team batting average and 855 runs, outscored the Dodgers 22-12 in the series.

Tracy said he spoke with Cardinals manager Tony LaRussa before the series concerning the postgame activities.

"Jim Tracy's a first-class guy," Rolen said. "I have never seen that before, but it was a nice touch."

Suppan, who went 10-11 with a 3.55 ERA in 14 road starts this season, allowed two hits and retired the final 14 batters he faced.

He also singled twice in three at-bats — a major surprise after he went 4-for-57 during the season.

"I think it was a professional show of class between two very classy organizations."

Jim Tracy
Dodgers manager

"I was taking it pitch by pitch and just kept it very simple," Suppan said. "I did the things I had done during the season, and the offense and defense we have here just made it a lot easier."

Werth, the second batter Suppan faced, homered to give Los Angeles a 1-0 lead. The Cardinals tied it in the second off Odalis Perez on a homer by Reggie Sanders one pitch after Jim Edmonds was thrown out stealing.

St. Louis got another run in the third, when Perez was chased after two walks and a one-out RBI single by Edgar Renteria.

Alvarez relieved and struck out Edmonds and Sanders.

Adrian Beltré's sacrifice fly tied it 2-2 in the fourth. Perez gave up three hits and five walks in 2 1/3 innings, but only two runs as the Cardinals stranded five and had a runner thrown out stealing. He was unhappy about being lifted.

"It took away a lot of my confidence," Perez said. "I don't agree with it. But I don't control those calls."

Perez gave up six runs in 2 1/3 innings of Game 1.

Pujols hit an RBI single off Yency Brazoban in the seventh to complete the scoring.

NFL scoreboard

American Conference

East	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA
New England	4	0	1	1000	65	0
N.Y. Jets	4	0	1	1000	98	0
Buffalo	4	0	0	1000	51	0
Pittsburgh	3	0	0	1000	51	0
Indianapolis	3	0	0	1000	156	0
Jacksonville	2	3	0	600	73	0
Houston	2	3	0	600	118	127
Tennessee	2	3	0	600	63	91
North						
Pittsburgh	1	0	1	800	112	94
Baltimore	2	0	0	1000	77	79
Washington	2	0	0	1000	82	96
Cincinnati	1	3	0	250	66	95
West						
Denver	1	0	0	800	79	94
San Diego	2	0	0	1000	145	91
San Francisco	2	3	0	600	95	119
Kansas City	1	3	0	250	89	110

National Conference

East	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA
Philadelphia	4	0	1	1000	107	95
W.F. Panthers	4	0	0	1000	74	72
Dallas	2	0	0	1000	71	95
Washington	4	0	0	1000	71	85
South						
Atlanta	4	0	0	1000	98	66
New Orleans	3	0	0	1000	92	87
Carolina	1	0	0	800	88	89
Tampa Bay	1	0	0	800	88	89
North						
Detroit	1	0	0	800	78	72
Minnesota	2	0	0	1000	94	94
Chicago	1	0	0	800	72	76
Indianapolis	3	0	0	1000	95	91
West						
Seattle	1	0	0	800	92	94
San Francisco	2	0	0	1000	113	113
San Diego	2	0	0	1000	95	95
San Francisco	1	4	0	200	91	137

Week 13	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA
Detroit	17	1	0	94.1	10	10
San Diego	16	2	0	88.9	10	10
Indianapolis	15	3	0	83.3	10	10
Minnesota	14	3	0	82.4	10	10
San Francisco	14	3	0	82.4	10	10
Pittsburgh	14	3	0	82.4	10	10
Tampa Bay	14	3	0	82.4	10	10
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Monday's game	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA
Tennessee at Green Bay	1	0	0	1000	71	95
Green Bay at Detroit	1	0	0	1000	71	95
San Diego at Atlanta	1	0	0	1000	71	95
San Diego at Chicago	1	0	0	1000	71	95
San Francisco at N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1000	71	95
San Francisco at New Orleans	1	0	0	1000	71	95
Kansas City at Jacksonville	1	0	0	1000	71	95
Carolina at Philadelphia	1	0	0	1000	71	95
Carolina at Dallas	1	0	0	1000	71	95
Denver at Oakland	1	0	0	1000	71	95
Indianapolis at New Orleans	1	0	0	1000	71	95
Indianapolis at Arizona	1	0	0	1000	71	95
Baltimore at Tampa Bay	1	0	0	1000	71	95

Sunday	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA
Green Bay at Detroit	1	0	0	1000	71	95
San Diego at Atlanta	1	0	0	1000	71	95
San Diego at Chicago	1	0	0	1000	71	95
San Francisco at N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1000	71	95
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Vikings 34, Texans 28 (OT)	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA
Minnesota	0	14	7	27	24	24
Second Quarter	0	14	7	27	24	24
Min-Missouri 1 pass from Culpeper (Anderson) kick, 14:11.	0	14	7	27	24	24
Min-Missouri 5 pass from Culpeper (Anderson) kick, 14:11.	0	14	7	27	24	24

Fourth Quarter	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA
Hou-Davis 1 run (K Brown) kick, 11:31.	0	14	7	27	24	24
Hou-Armstrong 11 pass from Carr (K Brown) kick, 1:11.	0	14	7	27	24	24
Hou-Armstrong 22 pass from Carr (K Brown) kick, 1:11.	0	14	7	27	24	24

Overline	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA
Min-Missouri 5 pass from Culpeper, 7:05.	0	14	7	27	24	24
A-70:78.	0	14	7	27	24	24
First downs	13	10	10	10	10	10
Total Net Yards	252	122	122	122	122	122
Passing	188	118	118	118	118	118
Rushing	388	388	388	388	388	388
Kickoff Returns	117	4	4	4	4	4
Punt Returns	5	5	5	5	5	5
Interceptions Ret.	36	36	36	36	36	36
Comp-Att-Int	40-60-10	40-60-10	40-60-10	40-60-10	40-60-10	40-60-10
Sacked-Yards Lost	8-4	8-4	8-4	8-4	8-4	8-4
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0	0-0
Time of Possession	38:27	28:28	28:28	28:28	28:28	28:28

Individual Statistics	W	L	T	Pct	PP	PA
Rushing - Minnesota, Moore 20-92.	0	14	7	27	24	24
Rushing - Houston, Davis 14-31, Carr 2-1.	0	14	7	27	24	24
Receiving - Minnesota, Moore 10-126.	0	14	7	27	24	24
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Missed field goals — None.

Giants rewarded for latest efforts

BY JEFFREY GOLD
The Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — After getting their fourth consecutive victory, the New York Giants got more good news: no practice on Friday, meaning more rest on their off week.

"They earned that by virtue of their play, and I rewarded them with that," coach Tom Coughlin said Monday. "That had not been planned."

The Giants (4-1) matched last season's victory total with a 26-10 defeat of the Dallas Cowboys on Sunday.

Coughlin believes the team is building confidence but is not overconfident.

"I'm not worried about that. As a matter of fact, I'll be on very, very serious guard against that," he said during a conference call.

He said the players realize the first half at Dallas was not good, and there are areas to improve.

The four teams the Giants beat — Washington, Cleveland, Green Bay and Dallas — have a combined 6-12 record, while the team that handed them a season-opening 31-17 loss, the Philadelphia

Eagles, are 4-0 and lead the Giants in the NFC East.

"We talk about the records in the division literally every week," Coughlin said.

Also tempering any overconfidence is what Coughlin appears to be a season-ending injury to wide receiver Tim Carter, the team's deep threat.

"We're very disappointed," Coughlin said. "He did so many things. He gave us so many opportunities to press the coverage."

The team may put Carter on injured reserve although it is not clear if the third-year pro will need surgery for a possible fracture in the hip area, Coughlin said.

The injury may have occurred when Carter and a defender went sprawling after a ball in the end zone, he said.

Carter has had each of his three seasons cut short by injury. He appeared in five games as a rookie before being sidelined with a torn Achilles tendon. He played 12 games last year, starting two, but missed the end of the season with a concussion.

Carter has 12 receptions for 152 yards (15.2 average, best on the team) and a 38-yard touchdown catch.



New York Giants running back Tiki Barber (21) is tackled by Dallas Cowboys safety Tony Dixon (24) after gaining 55 yards on Sunday.

Rookie Jamaar Taylor, a Coughlin said as he looks ahead to the Giants' next opponent, the Detroit Lions (3-1), co-leaders of the NFC North, who visit Oct. 24.

Late FG lifts Jets over Bills to 4-0 record

The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Jets led one scoring chance after another slip away against Buffalo.

There was a missed field goal. A turnover inside the 15. Two drives that started in Bills territory that ended with just three points. Chad Pennington hated leaving all those points on the field, so when it came time to lead his

team on one final drive, there was no way he would let anyone down.

Pennington calmly rallied the Jets, leading them 60 yards to set up the winning field goal. Doug Brien nailed the 38-yarder with 58 seconds remaining to lift the Jets to a 16-14 victory, moving them to 4-0 for the second time in franchise history.

"I hope that the drive we had at the end of the game is indicative of how we have come together," Pennington said. "Last year, we were losing those games. There is such a fine line in this league between winning and losing."

Tell that to the Bills (0-4), who have lost three games by three points or less. They have a chance in this one, scoring two fourth-quarter touchdowns to take a 14-13 lead with 5:58 remaining.

But Pennington and the offense stayed calm and marched down the field.

Pennington went 7-for-8 for 51 yards on the winning drive, and finished 31-for-42 for 304 yards with a touchdown and an interception. Coach Herman Edwards learned plenty about his offense, which faced a fourth-quarter deficit for the first time this season.

"That says something about the team," Edwards said. "We found a way. Chad and the offense got the ball moving. We made the plays we needed to make. I trust them, and Chad."

The last time the Jets were 4-0 was 2000, when they failed to make the playoffs and finished 9-7. Earlier this week, Herman Edwards went around the locker room trying to give his players an index card with the following message: "If you are scared to go 4-0, call the police."

"I had a bunch of them made and said, 'If you are scared now, you can take these cards and no one will know you called them,'" Edwards said. "They all looked at me like I was crazy. That's the kind of team we have become. We believe in each other, we believe we can do it."

As for Brien, he got a little redemption after missing a 29-yard attempt earlier in the game.

"You have to go out there and kick it like you're kicking a ball in your back yard," Brien said. "I knew I hit it true. It just seemed like it hung up there for 5 seconds."

It was another heartbreaker for the Bills. They were poised to win this one, and it all started after Jeff Posey intercepted Pennington's pass early in the fourth.

Buffalo quickly converted when Drew Bledsoe threw a 16-yard pass to Mark Campbell. The Bills took the lead when Bledsoe connected with Lee Evans on a 46-yard touchdown pass. Coach Mike Mulroney had gathered his offense late in the third quarter and chewed them out for their inconsistency.

"I don't know if it was me, these guys just responded," Mulroney said. "It was good to see because it was easy to turn the other way."

It wasn't enough. Bledsoe finished 16-for-29 for 197 yards.

Travis Henry, who usually gives the Jets fits, had 12 carries for 33 yards and was limited in the second half by an ankle injury.

Willis McGahee had eight carries for 42 yards.

Curtis Martin had his string of 100-yard rushing games ended at three, gaining 77 yards on 22 carries. But he did pass Franco Harris into ninth place on the NFL career rushing list with a 9-yard run in the second quarter. Martin has 12,171 yards.

Other Jets standouts included Wayne Chrebet, who had eight catches for 90 yards — his highest yardage total since getting 118 against Indianapolis on Dec. 23, 2001.

John Abraham had three sacks, a week after getting two against Miami. Last year, Abraham missed the first Buffalo game after he was arrested for drunken driving and suspended by Edwards.

"We went out there and got it done, and that's what good teams do," Martin said. "We're feeling that good team character in ourselves week by week."

Broncos 20, Panthers 17: At Denver, backup Reuben Droughman ran for 193 yards for Denver (4-1) and Jake Plummer threw a 39-yard pass to Ashley Lelie for the winning points.

Julius Peppers had a 101-yard interception return for Carolina (1-3), the longest interception return in NFL history to not result in a touchdown. The 263-pound lineman caught it 4 yards deep in his end zone.

Jake Delhomme ran for a 3-yard touchdown three plays later.

Plummer threw two touchdowns, one with each arm. His second left-handed TD of the season went to Droughman, a full-back-turned-tailback who started in place of injured Quentin Griffin. He had a career total of 127 yards rushing entering the game.

The Panthers came into the game without injured running back Stephen Davis and lost backup DeShaun Foster in the second quarter with a sprained shoulder.

Chargers bolt past Jaguars

BY BERNIE WILSON
The Associated Press

SAN DIEGO — If they keep playing this well, the San Diego Chargers might start regaining some of the respect they've been losing for eight straight seasons.

Using a quick-strike offense and a defense that proved it was tough, too, the Chargers beat Jacksonville 34-21 on Sunday.

The Chargers (3-2) won consecutive games in the same season for the first time since October 2002 (the Chargers did win their final game of last season and their first game of this season). A week earlier, they defeated Tennessee 38-17.

"We beat two pretty good ballclubs," running back LaDainian Tomlinson said. "At the same time, we've still got a long way to go. This team can get a lot better."

Drew Brees, the quarterback the front office didn't want after last season's 4-12 nightmare, threw two touchdown passes to Antonio Gates, the tight end who plays football, not football, at Kent State.

The Chargers, who have preached fast starts in practice, led 21-0 early in the second quarter.

"Hopefully it will just become who we are ... hey, that's the San Diego Chargers, we come out and we score first and we get our team rolling," Brees said. "That's the team who we want to be."

Tomlinson limped off the field late in the third quarter after aggravating a groin injury and sat out the rest of the game. That allowed backup Jesse Chatman to rush for 103 yards and a 41-yard score.

Coach Marty Schottenheimer awarded game balls to the offensive linemen, who sprung the backs for 176 yards against a tough defense anchored by massive tackle John Henderson and Marcus Stroud.

"Those guys won the game for us," Tomlinson said.

Tomlinson limped up at quarterback twice on a drive in the third quarter. He gained 7 yards after taking the snap in the shotgun formation, then lined up at QB again four plays later and was sacked as he scrambled around.

"He tried his Michael Vick impersonation and it didn't work," tackle Roman Oben said. "He should stick to running the ball."

Said Tomlinson: "I was trying to be like Mike."

The Chargers visit the Falcons next Sunday. The players will always be linked because Atlanta took Vick with the top pick in the 2001 draft after obtaining it from San Diego for the fifth pick, which San Diego spent on Tomlinson, along with Tim Dwight and other picks.

Tomlinson gained 56 yards on 19 carries and scored once, and caught four passes for 78 yards.

The Chargers have Jaguars quarterback Byron Leftwich all afternoon and had two interceptions.

NFL
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Patriots savor streak, but stay focused

New England turns attention to Seahawks

BY DAVE GOLDBERG

The Associated Press

FOXBORO, Mass. — With less than a minute left in their NFL record 19th straight victory Sunday, the New England Patriots finally acknowledged the streak by dousing coach Bill Belichick.

"To lead a team to 19 victories in a row is something to be proud of," said safety Rodney Harrison, who did the pouring along with defensive lineman Richard Seymour. "He's the captain of the ship and we wanted to let him know we feel grateful to him."

That was one of the few indications the Patriots had done anything special.

Yes, from Belichick on down, they all acknowledged the streak and even celebrated a bit. Then they went back to their standard "We play them one at a time" routine, adding to the litany: "We just want to get ready for Seattle."

Cliche or not, playing them one at a time is what put the Patriots past five other teams to a spot by themselves in the record book.

In this era of parity, almost every team suffers a letdown sometime and loses a game it shouldn't. But when the Patriots play badly, they still win.

That's what they did in Sunday's 24-10 victory over winless and offenseless (and offensive) Miami. The game was as ugly as they come, but the Patriots don't lose, in part because they won't allow it to happen.

On Sunday, they played with only two experienced receivers, David Givens and David Patten. Deion Branch and Troy Brown are hurt and Bethel Johnson was inactive for reasons Belichick wouldn't divulge. That left Kevin Kasper, signed on Wednesday, as the third wide receiver and rookie P.K. Sam as the fourth.

But it didn't matter, in part because Miami is so bad on offense. New England was never threatened.

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On the game's first possession, for example, Tom Brady tried to force a ball to Kasper, with whom he had practiced for less than a week.

Patrick Surtain intercepted on the Patriots 47.

No problem.

Leonard Henry, who until this year spent two seasons on the roster without once being active for a game, ran twice into the line for a total of 1 yard. On third down, Jay Fiedler threw an incomplete pass and the Dolphins punted into the end zone.

When Brady threw a 1-yard TD pass to Daniel Graham to make it 7-0 just past the midway point of the first period, the game could have been declared over.

Next week Seattle will be here. The Seahawks, on whom the Patriots already were focused after the game, clearly are one of the four teams in a class above the rest of the NFL — with Philadelphia, Indianapolis and, of course, New England. But Seattle lost in overtime to St. Louis on Sunday and fell to 3-1.

Seahawks coach Mike Holmgren was an assistant on one of the five other teams that won 18 straight, the 1989-90 49ers, and was head coach of the Green Bay team that beat New England in the 1997 Super Bowl.

Believe it, every member of the Patriots will be prepared — from Harrison, who played on a 1-15 team in San Diego in 2000, to rookie defensive tackle Vince Wilfork, who played in college at Miami.

"I'm used to this," Wilfork said. "I don't know how long our longest winning streak was in college, but I know we only lost two games the whole time I was there."

"Of course this isn't like college," he added, making sure no one thought he wasn't buying into the party line. "You play a great team every week in the NFL."



New England Patriots head coach Bill Belichick gets water dumped on his head by Rodney Harrison (37) and Richard Seymour as teammate Corey Dillon (28) and offensive coordinator Charlie Weiss look on Sunday. The Patriots set a record with their 19th straight victory.

Jamal Lewis carries Ravens

BY JOSEPH WHITE

The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — Playing his last football until November, Jamal Lewis punched would-be tacklers and kept the Baltimore Ravens' offense on the field for nearly the entire fourth quarter.

Lewis ran for 116 yards on 28 carries in a 17-10 victory over the Washington Redskins on Sunday night, an emotionally positive send-off as he prepares to serve a two-game suspension stemming from a guilty plea in a drug case.

"He just took the game on his shoulders," coach Brian Billick said. "That's why we gave him the game ball, and I wanted to remind him we'll be here when he gets back."

Lewis had 90 clock-eating yards on Baltimore's final three possessions and the Ravens held the ball for all but 2:27 of the final quarter. The performance capped a tumultuous week in which Lewis traveled to Atlanta to plead guilty to using a cell phone to facilitate a drug buy four years ago. He will serve a six-month sentence once the season ends.

"The offensive line said, 'Look, this is the last one before you get the suspension. Let's make the best of it,'" said Lewis, who will miss games against Buffalo and

Philadelphia following an off day next week.

Meanwhile, the Ravens' defense looks more than capable of holding the fort in Lewis' absence. Baltimore (3-2) limited Washington (1-4) to 107 yards, sending Hall of Fame coach Joe Gibbs to his fourth straight defeat, his longest losing streak since he was 0-5 as a rookie head coach in 1981.

The Redskins haven't scored more than 18 points in a game since Gibbs returned from retirement. They didn't have a drive longer than 26 yards against the Ravens. They were practically handed three turnovers — interceptions on consecutive possessions in the second quarter — but could only convert the miscues into a field goal and a touchdown.

"It's a miserable situation," Gibbs said. "And it seems like when you make a mistake, it bounces right into somebody else's hands. I told my team that I think we're a good football team. We'll see. We've got to find a way to make some of those things go our way."

Washington quarterback Mark Brunell completed 13 of 29 passes for just 83 yards and was sacked three times.

"I think Mark was a reflection of all of us," Gibbs said. "We

didn't play well. That's a good defensive team, but we didn't play well."

Appropriately, it was a defensive player who turned the game's tide. Baltimore safety Ed Reed scored a touchdown on a fumble recovery after stripping the ball from Brunell on a safety blitz, stopped Clinton Portis on a third-and-1 on the next series, then threw a block that sprung rookie free agent B.J. Sams for a 78-yard punt return — all in a 2½-minute span in the third quarter. As a result, the Ravens rallied from a 10-0 halftime deficit to score 14 points without their offense taking the field.

Even Deion Sanders got into the act, getting his first interception since coming out of retirement. The defense's performance served as redemption after it allowed 398 yards and 27 points in a loss Monday night to Kansas City.

For that matter, for Lewis and all the Ravens, the victory was a triumph of determination after a week of distractions.

"It wasn't just me," Lewis said. "This team as a whole knows how to handle adversity and knows how to keep focused and keep it going. We put that behind us. What happened off the field stayed off the field. We just put things together and showed what type of team we are."



Washington's Marcus Washington tries to bring down Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis in the first quarter of Sunday night's game.

Rams hold off Seahawks

Bulger's overtime TD pass ends NFC West showdown

By TIM KORTE
The Associated Press

SEATTLE—Forget the standings and all the pre-season chatter. Matt Hasselbeck and his Seattle teammates know the St. Louis Rams are still the team to beat in the NFC West.

Marc Bulger threw a 52-yard touchdown pass to Shaun McDonald 3 minutes into overtime, leading St. Louis to a thrilling 33-27 victory over the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday.

The Rams (3-2) pulled within a half-game in the division and hung 33 points on a defense that had allowed only 13 in three games. They also silenced forecasters who said the Seahawks (3-1) were ready to take over the NFC West.

"Everybody picked Seattle to run over us," McDonald said. "We might have been the only ones who thought we could win."

The Rams ended Seattle's 10-game home winning streak, with Bulger leading a 17-point rally by throwing two TD passes in the final 5:34 of regulation after the Seahawks seemed to have it in hand.

Jeff Wilkins kicked a 36-yard field goal with 8 seconds left, forcing overtime.

"This team never quits," Bulger said. "We have guys who have been in that situation before, and they know not to quit. They play to the end."

The Seahawks, trying to open 4-0 for the first time, led 24-7 at halftime and 27-10 after Bulger's third interception led to Josh Brown's 34-yard field goal with 8:42 remaining.

That's when Bulger straightened himself out. He started with an 8-yard TD strike to leaping tight end Brandon Manumaleuna, pulling St. Louis to 27-17 with 5:34 remaining. Then came a 41-yard TD pass to Kevin Curtis to make it 27-24 with 3:30 to play.

"I didn't want to get excited because we still had a

lot of work to do," Bulger said. "We just had to keep chipping away."

On Seattle's ensuing series, Rams end Leonard Little sacked Hasselbeck for a 12-yard loss and forced a fumble that center Robbie Tobeck recovered.

It was huge, though, coming when Hasselbeck had Bobby Engram open over the middle on third-and-5. St. Louis was out of timeouts, and a good pass would have allowed Seattle to run out the clock.

"If we complete the ball, the game's over," coach Mike Holmgren said.

Instead, Brown kicked a 35-yard punt because regular punter Tom Rousen sustained a hamstring strain late. The Rams took over at their own 36 with 1:14 to go, and Bulger—who completed 24 of 42 passes for 325 yards—was ready again.

He found Isaac Bruce for a 26-yard gain to Seattle's 37, then added a 16-yarder to Dane Looker that moved the ball out of bounds at the 18. Wilkins tied it at 27 on the next play.

"Marc did a beautiful job, just beautiful," Rams coach Mike Martz said.

Tough as the loss was to swallow, there was no argument in Seattle's locker room that the better team had won this time—and that the Seahawks learned the importance of protecting a big lead.

"You've got to close it out," Tobeck said. "I always compare it to boxing. When you've got a guy on the ropes, you've got to finish him."

Seattle plays at St. Louis on Nov. 4, a game that seems certain to determine the division champion.

"The Rams are the NFC West champions," said Hasselbeck, who was 20-for-35 for 216 yards passing and two TDs. "They won it last year and they won it the year before. They've earned that respect."

"We haven't earned it yet. We had an opportunity to get that done today, and we didn't."



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St. Louis Rams offensive lineman Orlando Pace, left, battles with former Ram and current Seattle Seahawks defensive end Grant Wistrom during Sunday's game in Seattle. The Rams won 33-27 in overtime.

Sunday's NFL stars:

Quarterbacks

■ **Daunte Culpepper, Vikings**, threw five touchdown passes, the last a 50-yarder to Marcus Robinson on Minnesota's second possession in overtime, in a 34-28 victory over Houston. Culpepper completed 36 of 50 passes for 396 yards.

■ **Tim Rattay, 49ers**, threw two touchdown passes and got two 2-point conversions in the final 4:35 of regulation in San Francisco's 31-28 overtime victory over Arizona. He finished 38-for-57 for 417 yards.

■ **Marc Bulger, Rams**, threw a 52-yard touchdown pass to Shaun McDonald in overtime after leading a 17-point rally with two TD passes in the final 5:34 of regulation in St. Louis' 33-27 victory over Seattle. Bulger finished 24-of-42 passes for 325 yards.

■ **Chad Pennington, Jets**, was 31-of-42 for 304 yards and a touchdown in New York's 16-14 victory over Buffalo.

■ **David Carr, Texans**, was 27-of-43 for 372 yards and three TDs in Houston's overtime loss to Minnesota.

Running backs

■ **Reshad Brown, Broncos**, a career 1,000-yard runner for 163 yards and caught four passes for 18 yards and a touchdown in Denver's 26-17 victory over Carolina.

■ **Tiki Barber, Giants**, ran for 122 yards and a touchdown and caught five passes for 16 yards in New York's 26-10 victory over Dallas.

■ **Rookie Mewelde Moore, Vikings**, finished with 182 total yards in Minnesota's 34-28 overtime victory over Houston.

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San Francisco 49ers receiver Brandon Lloyd reacts after catching a touchdown pass in the fourth quarter against the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday. The 49ers rallied from 16 down and won 31-28 in overtime.

49ers win on a prayer, upset Cardinals in OT

By GREG BEACHAM
The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — When Larry Fitzgerald's first touchdown catch gave the Arizona Cardinals a 16-point lead with 8:19 left, the few San Francisco fans who weren't booing rushed for the exits.

They missed the only good part of the 49ers' season so far — a thrilling finish with big catches, bad defense and a breakout performance by the man who hopes to be the next name in San Francisco's elite quarterback lineage.

Tim Rattay threw two touchdown passes and got two 2-point conversions in the final minutes of regulation, and Todd Peterson kicked a 32-yard field goal with 11:37 left in overtime of the 49ers' 31-28 victory over the Arizona Cardinals on Sunday.

The Niners' (1-4) comeback from a 28-12 deficit was improbable on several counts. Rattay's top two receivers were hurting, San Francisco's running game was nonexistent and Arizona's defense hadn't allowed a touchdown in 13 quarters.

Yet Rattay showed a cool he hasn't earned through experience yet, and his young teammates followed his lead. He finishes 38-for-57 for a career-high 417 yards, 169 after the third quarter — and afterward, he claimed the outcome was never in doubt to him.

"We're always thinking that we can win the game," Rattay said.

"You're never out of it, you know? It's happened so much,

and this team knows that we have to keep fighting and keep fighting."

Running a no-huddle offense with the flair he learned at run-and-gun Louisiana Tech, Rattay hit tight end Eric Johnson for a score from 44-53 left, then ran for the conversion.

"Tim is amazing in that [offense]," said Johnson, who had another outstanding game with career bests of 13 catches for 162 yards. "He reads the defenses and makes so many great calls. That's really where he shines, where he's at his best."

After Arizona (1-4) punted, the Niners mounted a 72-yard drive.

Brandon Lloyd made a diving 23-yard TD catch with 1:07 left in regulation, then wrestled the ball away from David Macklin for the tying conversion.

Lloyd drew motivation from Arizona rookie defensive tackle Darnell Dockett, who asked the receiver how it will feel to be 0-5 — shortly before San Francisco rallied.

"We didn't win in the pre-season, and we didn't win in our first four games, so it's definitely a relief," Lloyd said. "We bounced back. We hung in there, and our leadership really took over. Tim took over."

San Francisco won the overtime coin toss, and Rattay drove 47 more yards before Peterson easily made his third field goal.

The 49ers lost All-Pro linebacker Julian Peterson for the season with a torn Achilles' tendon. They also lost backup fullback Jason Ison to the same injury.

■ **Duce Staley, Steelers**, ran for 117 yards — his third consecutive 100-yard game — and scored on a 25-yard run in Pittsburgh's 34-23 victory over Cleveland.

■ **Shaun Alexander, Seahawks**, ran for 150 yards and a touchdown in Seattle's 33-27 overtime loss to St. Louis.

Receivers

■ **Eric Johnson, 49ers**, had career bests of 13 catches for 170 yards and scored a touchdown in San Francisco's 31-28 overtime victory over Arizona.

■ **Marcus Robinson, Vikings**, caught nine passes for 150 yards and two touchdowns, including a 50-yarder in overtime, in Minnesota's overtime win over Houston.

■ **Andre Johnson, Texans**, had a career-high 12 catches for 170 yards and two touchdowns in Houston's overtime loss to Minnesota.



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Pujols puts Cardinals in NLCS

St. Louis slugger hits tiebreaking three-run homer to beat Dodgers

BY JOHN NADEL
The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The St. Louis Cardinals played like champions in their NL division series against Los Angeles. In defeat, the Dodgers displayed the kind of class and sportsmanship seldom seen in professional sports.

Jeff Suppan settled down after a shaky start to pitch seven strong innings. Albert Pujols hit a tiebreaking three-run homer in the fourth, and the Cardinals beat the Dodgers 6-2 Sunday night to win the best-of-five series 3-1.

The Cardinals will play in their third NL championship series in five years, starting Wednesday night in St. Louis against Houston or Atlanta, which played Game 5 of their division series on Monday night.

The Dodgers are going home for the winter, having failed in their third attempt to

win a postseason series since they beat Oakland in the 1998 World Series.

When it was over, after Jason Istringhausen struck out Alex Cora for the final out, there was no immediate celebration by the Cardinals, and the Dodgers didn't walk back to their clubhouse.

Instead, while the Cardinals were quietly congratulating each other, the Dodgers went out on the field to greet them and shake their hands.

"That's the first time I've seen a team doing that to the other ballclub when they were the losing ballclub, and I think that was very special," Pujols said.

"Everybody just wanted to go out there and just wish them luck," Dodgers star Adrian Beltre said.

While common at the end of NHL playoff series, teams shaking hands on the field after a series is a rarity in baseball.

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The St. Louis Cardinals celebrate on the field after beating the Los Angeles Dodgers 6-2 in Game 4 on Sunday night to advance to the National League Championship Series.

Rams rally, drop Seahawks in OT



Rams receiver Shaun McDonald, left, reaches out to catch the winning touchdown pass in overtime in front of Seahawks defensive back Terrelle Brierley. St. Louis rallied from 17 points behind to tie the game and force overtime. See NFL coverage on Pages 36-39.

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